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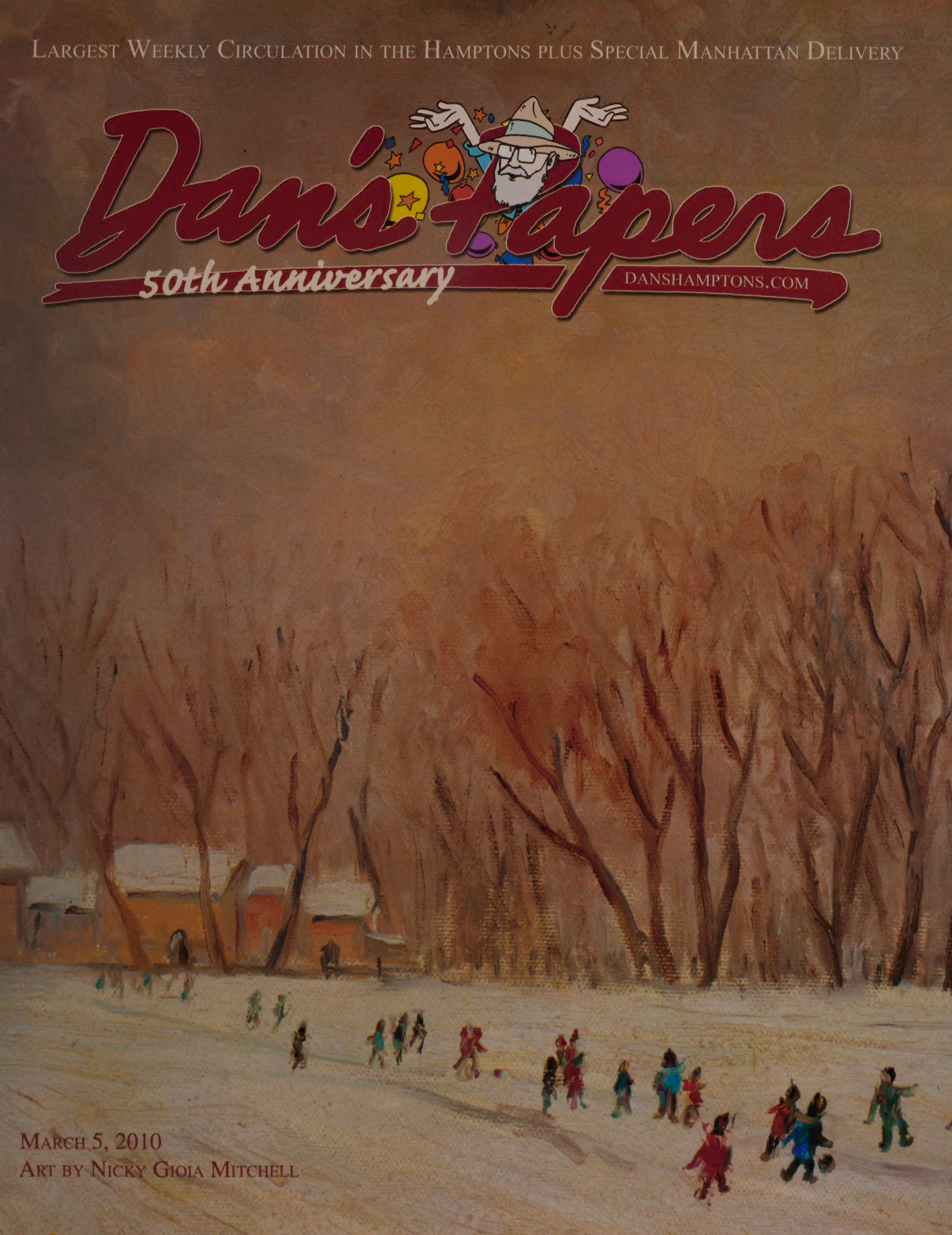

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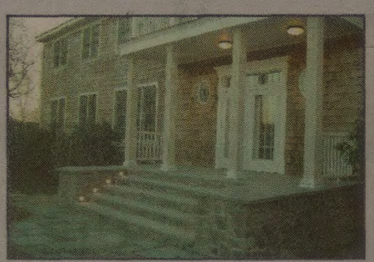

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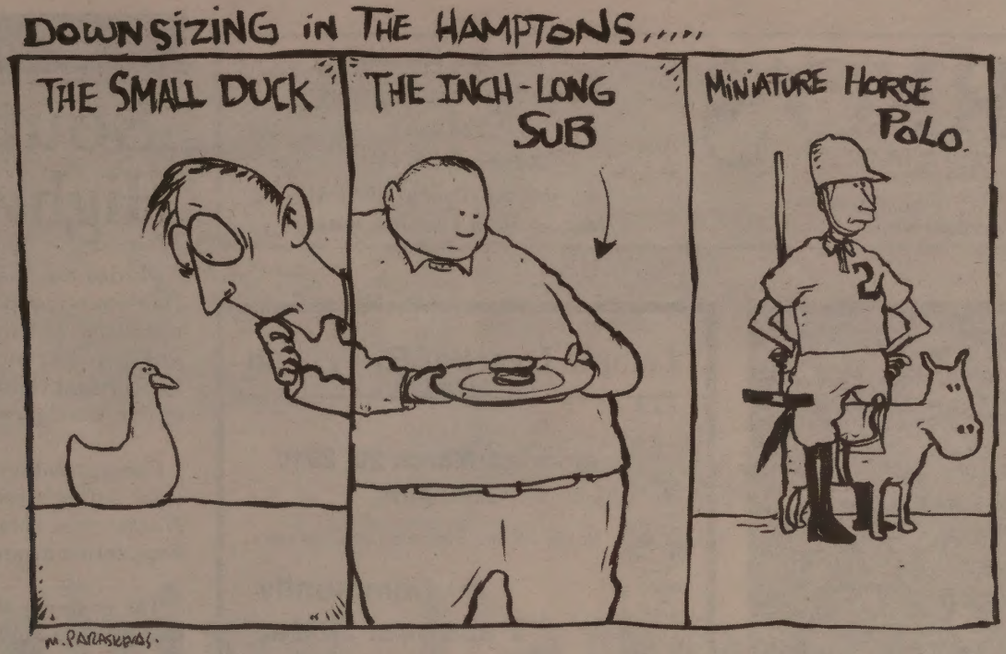

No Fun

A Trend toward Paperwork, Refusals & Even (gasp) Shorter Parades

By Dan Rattiner

Tens of thousands of people will come to Montauk to enjoy the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 21 this year. It is the biggest St. Patrick's Day Parade outside of New York City and, as it turns out, it will take place just one week before a shocking new law goes into effect in New York City involving parades.

The new law will shorten by 25% every parade in the city of New York. It will also put a limit on the amount of fun at any parade. No parade will be allowed to exceed five hours. The reason for this is budget cutbacks. Shorter parades mean less police overtime. It's as simple as that.

Now, this new parade law does not affect the parade in Montauk, and wouldn't even if it were before the Montauk Parade date. Montauk is not New York City. It will also not affect the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City on March 17, because that is before the starting date, too. And it will not affect the slightly smaller Long Island St. Patrick's Day parade which takes place in downtown Westhampton Beach on March 13.

Still, it might well be an omen of things to come. For years here in the Hamptons, the amount of fun a person can have has slowly been shortened and eroded in a whole lot of ways by local government. It almost seems to be rationed out now. It used to be that, if you wanted to have a sand-castle-building competition, you just went down to the beach and did so. It used to be that, if you wanted to fly some kites, you just did so. It was not so long ago that, if you wanted to have a party at your house, you didn't have to check to see if you were violating any town rules or needed permits. (Now, you do.) And if you wanted to have a running race down the street to raise money for charity or just for fun, you just went ahead and did it.

These days, in both Southampton and East Hampton Towns, there are all sorts of not-so-fun things you have to do before you can get the good times to roll. And if you don't pass muster, there will be no fun at all.

You'll need a permit to set off fireworks. You'll need money to reimburse the town for police and sanitary services—unless they give you an "exemption." You'll need to make arrangements with a valet company for your guests to park their cars for your daughter's wedding if the total exceeds a certain number. Under certain circumstances in Southampton Town, you'll even need to check whether you've reached the limit in the number of parties you can have in that calendar year. It does take the wind out of your sails, especially if what you have in mind is to have a sailing regatta. You'll need clearance in certain communities from the marine patrol to do that.

I think what has happened here with having fun is pretty sad. I recall the first rumblings from the authorities to limit fun—it was about 25 years ago. Southampton Town called a town meeting to discuss a proposal that would require permits for people getting together with more than 50 other people in the town. They said it would be a "public assembly law."

It had to do, at that time, with a whole different kind of fun. Then, people were marching and protesting about one thing or another. You could just get a big group of people together and march up the street without anybody stopping you.

"We won't be limiting these activities," I was told at the time when I questioned the obvious—that this was an attempt to deprive people of their right to assemble. "We will only be noting in advance where these activities will be taking place. We need to know so that we can have police on hand to keep order."

There would be no charge to get these permits, they said. Just call the town and tell them what you intend to do.

Well, there was no charge for it then. There is a charge for it now. You pay to have the police there. It's not part of their regular job to keep law and order by this *new* definition.

Now, I believe, there are laws limiting the kind of gas with which you can inflate party balloons. You can have party balloons, but you certainly don't want them filled with helium and flying off down to the beach or down somebody's chimney. And if your permit for 90 people on your front lawn lasts only until midnight, you better tell them to hush up and go inside and hide or something just after midnight.

The nuances with these new laws are amazing. I recall a Hamptons International Film Festival (HIFF) held in September, when some handsome young lady with a skintight spangled suit came into downtown East Hampton riding a motorized tricycle that was rigged out so that when she pedaled it or stepped on the gas or something, some overhead gossamer wings flapped as if the thing was trying to take off. She was promoting a movie.

She and her tricycle drew a big crowd, and she pedaled off like the pied piper with a bunch of people following her, only to come back later in

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Congratulations, **Colson Whitehead**! The local author's critically acclaimed novel, *Sag Harbor*, was nominated for the PEN/Faulkner Foundation award.

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The contents of **Bernie Madoff's** Montauk home will be sold at auction in Morris County, New Jersey, this spring. All money raised will go to the victims of Madoff's Ponzi scheme.

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Amagansett's **Alec Baldwin** reportedly paid $1,000 for the old Massapequa Library Bookmobile, which was headed to the junkyard. After towing it out east, Baldwin plans to turn it into a children's playhouse or an office.

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Water Mill's **Kelly Ripa** unveiled a new accessory: a "Consuelos" wrist tattoo, in honor of **Mark Consuelos**, her hubby of 13 years.

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Alexa Ray Joel is the new face of Prell, the shampoo her mother, **Christie Brinkley**, made famous in the '80s. Joel's campaign, launching this spring, will feature her music.

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Water Mill's **Matt Lauer** played an animated version of himself in *Curious George 2: Follow That Monkey*, available now on DVD.

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Amagansett resident **Sarah Jessica Parker** released a new fragrance, SJP NYC, last week. Parker hopes the floral aroma brings to mind images of **Carrie Bradshaw** strolling Manhattan sidewalks in spring.

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Amagansett's **Gwyneth Paltrow** is producing and playing the lead in a BBC drama about Marlene Dietrich.

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"The Marriage Ref," a new show about feuding couples created by East Hampton's **Jerry Seinfeld**, received mixed reviews when it premiered after the Winter Olympics last Sunday.

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Betsy Schulberg is selling the 1940s-era Quiogue home she shared with her late husband, screenwriter/producer/novelist **Budd Schulberg,** for $3.5 million. Schulberg, who died in August, is best known for his 1954 Academy Award-winning screenplay for *On the Waterfront*, and 1941 novel, *The Harder they Fall.*

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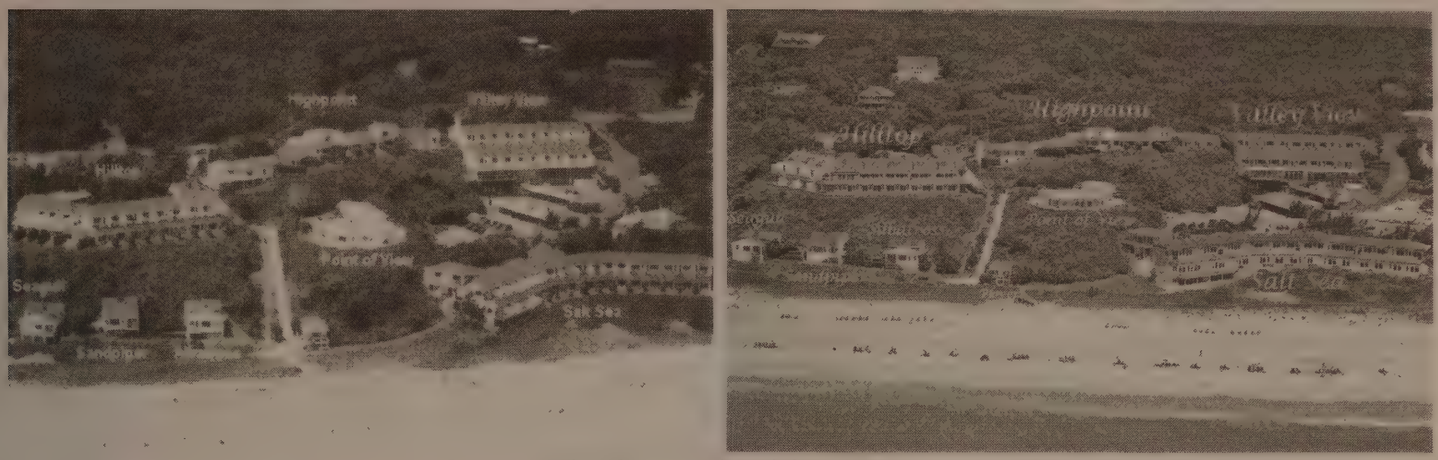

Before the renovations, left, and after.

Bashing Panoramic

Oceanfront Co-op Attempts to Renovate Itself & Fight Accusers

By Dan Rattiner

There have been a lot of rumors flying around about the reconstruction of the Panoramic View, a 114-room resort built over 50 years ago on the side of an oceanfront cliff, on the Old Montauk Highway in Montauk.

When the Hilltop building, one of the structures on the 10+ acre site, was originally proposed for reconstruction, there was one rumor that they were going to put up an eight-story building. There was another rumor that they were going to put in an elevator to the beach that would run through the dune; and there was even a claim that the taxes due at the time of purchase had never been paid.

People in town, even a local East Hampton town newspaper, seized on some of these rumors and published them, further fanning the flames. The purchasers of this property, Distinctive Ventures, based in Great Neck, denied all rumors. The only changes to the exterior would be aesthetics, new cedar shake roof and siding. New storm-proof windows and beautiful trim was also part of the plan. The interior of the building would be totally renovated. This means nothing new would be built on the property—they would merely restore the buildings to their exact dimensions right on the site where they sat, and the only modifications they would make would be to bring the project up to Town, County and State codes. Distinctive Venture's ultimate goal was to create the same size project with half the number of units. The 114 units plus staff housing in the five main buildings plus beach houses on the site was just packing visitors in too tightly. The new owners would reduce the density to 60-68 units. The new units in the renovated buildings would each be about double the size. Thereby, halving the number of units, there would essentially then also be halving the number of people vacationing there, which would mean smaller crowds on the beach, fewer cars and less parking.

The original owners, the French family, purchased the property in 1957 and started building the Panoramic in 1958. When Distinctive Ventures bought the property in 2007, construction began immediately, being that there was a lot of infrastructure work done. Plans for the property had been in the works for over a year prior with the Town of East Hampton Building Department. The Hilltop building, which had been 36 rental cooperative units with additional staff housing, was tackled first. This decision was taken because one side of it was so weather-beaten over the 50 years that it was in actual physical danger of falling into the sea. By the end of 2007, all of the infrastructure work was done and the Hilltop Building was completed. The largest of the buildings, Salt Sea, was tackled next and completed in 2009.

The claims about the gross violations going on at this property continued, many of them now from one member of the planning board, Sylvia Ogilvy. While freely acknowledging that a renovation does not need to be brought before the planning board but can be handled entirely by the building department, she however claimed that things were going on at the Panoramic that absolutely needed to be receiving planning board approval. She essentially claimed that the late Don Sharkey, the head of the building department at the time, was keeping the project from the Planning Board. She pointed to the fact that the ground was broken almost immediately after the purchase. Obviously the buyers knew ahead of time that the thing would go ahead with just Building Department

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THE LONG STORY ABOUT SAVING WLIU, 88.3 FM

By Dan Rattiner

After nearly six months of struggle, Long Island University, which is based in Brooklyn, has finally signed a contract with Peconic Broadcasting to sell them the WLIU 88.3 FM radio station with studios currently on the Southampton College campus.

Wally Smith, the general manager of the station for the last 25 years who leads Peconic Broadcasting, deserves high praise for bringing the station through to this contract signing. With this signing, the East End of Long Island gains its first and only public radio station that is completely free of ownership from out of the area. It is a wonderful achievement. Now, all that needs to happen is that the general public, which has been urging for years that this happen, step up to the plate in check-writing mode. All together, about half a million dollars is going to have to be raised by June.

WLIU has a long 35-year history with this community. It was founded on the Southampton College campus shortly after LIU proudly created a college on about 80 acres overlooking the ocean on what had originally been a large private estate. Under different call letters, the station was at first simply a student-run radio station providing a signal for the thousand or so students living in the college dorms there, the signal coming in through the electric outlets as I recall. It was not available off campus.

Soon, however, LIU decided to make it the "voice" of their university. They took it over from the students, beefed up its power to 15,000 watts, built an 80-foot tower on the

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Approval. There must have been some hanky panky going on before they even owned it. She said that some buildings had been enclosed where there had merely been decks and porches before. There was a claim made that one of the parking lots had been re-graded, which, if true, would require planning board permission. There was a charge that third floors had been built above the buildings.

The claims about the Panoramic reconstruction were published in one East Hampton newspaper, which additionally stated that there was one entirely new building that had not been there before. Actually, they state that the building was erected within the dune or perhaps on the beach itself. You could see it on the plans published at panoramicview.com. There were dormers that had not been there before. The claims made got so much publicity that I was even moved to write about it. I said there had only been two teardowns for code violations in Montauk in the last 50 years. I described them. One had been in the 1960s and the other in the 1970s. Would the Panoramic be the third?

My article resulted in Adam Manson, the director of the project for the firm Distinctive Ventures of Great Neck, inviting me down to the Panoramic to see the place for myself. I asked him if he had aerial photos of the place from before the renovations and the same aerial views from after the renovations and he did. He also would walk me through the project and show me everything that was going on.

Manson is a tall man who is very direct and clear with what he talks about.

Bottom line is that none of the claims are true. Every step of the way, the project proceeded through the East Hampton Building Department, the East Hampton Fire Department, the Suffolk County Health Department, the East Hampton Planning Department for Landscaping and Lighting permits, and all with the idea that the windows would be exactly where they were before, the doors would be where they were before, the walkways—because they were brick walkways they were considered pre-existing— could remain the same if repaired exactly where they were, and that the rooflines and footprint would remain the same.

"The only exception to this is where we needed roofs to be brought up to State code," said Manson. "We also received permission to build a series of small dormers with narrow windows in them where the roof had been before. The Architectural Review Board liked the idea to improve the curb appeal of the building. It's not a third floor. It just creates a small, high window that brings more light into the building."

I asked him about the new building reported to be on the site. "Was this, perhaps, a shed?" I asked.

"There is no new building. On our website, we show the architect's floor plans for the buildings. Unit 10 of the Salt Sea Building has always had a second floor. The plan on the web site for the new pre-existing second floor, to show it to the general public, was placed alongside the first floor. It's a way an architect shows a second floor. Unit 10 is attached to the Salt Sea building; there is no additional stand-alone extra unit built in what would be the beach or as depicted in the ocean.

"The re-graded parking lot, which would have been required to have Planning Board approval, had not been re-graded. The County wanted us to put in a new underground sewage system in that area. Somebody must have seen the big pile of dirt we had dug up during the system install. Maybe this,supposedly, was what they thought was re-grading. The survey of the property shows the elevations the exact same before and after construction."

The County wanted all of the old oil tanks dug up and replaced with propane which, if it leaked, would not pollute the ground. That was also completed. I asked about newly enclosed units. I hadn't seen any. We went to look at the aerial view photos of before and after. There weren't any enclosed units visible.

What about the unpaid sales taxes?

"We sent the town attorney the cancelled checks. Apparently they had lost track in the bookkeeping of where they had put the funds."

Eight-story building? No. Elevator? No.

The Panoramic View is no longer a series of motel buildings with 20 and 30 tiny units. It has the same buildings—the Architectural

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East Hampton Across From The Palm	5:50	6:50	7:50	8:50	9:50	10:50	12:50	2:50	5:20	8:20	11:50	1:40	4:50	8:50	10:50	1:05	3:05	4:05	5:30	6:50	8:55
Wainscott In Front of The Wainscott Shopping Center	5:55	6:55	7:55	8:55	9:55	11:00	1:00	3:00	5:30	8:25	12:00	1:50	5:00	9:00	11:00	1:15	3:15	4:15	5:40	7:00	9:05
Bridgehampton Across From The Community House	6:05	7:05	8:05	9:05	10:05	11:10	1:10	3:10	5:40	8:35	12:10	2:00	5:10	9:10	11:10	1:25	3:25	4:25	5:50	7:10	9:15
Water Mill In Front of Subway Sandwich Shop	6:10	7:10	8:15	9:15	10:15	11:20	1:20	3:20	5:50	8:40	12:20	2:10	5:20	9:20	11:20	1:35	3:35	4:35	6:00	7:20	9:25
Southampton Train Station	6:20	7:20	8:25	9:25	10:25	11:30	1:30	3:30	6:00	8:50	12:30	2:20	5:30	9:30	11:30	1:45	3:45	4:45	6:10	7:30	9:35
ARRIVING																					
40th Street & Third Avenue	8:20	9:20	10:25	11:25	12:25	1:30	3:30	5:30	8:00	10:50	2:30	4:20	7:30	11:30	1:30	3:45	5:45	6:45	8:10	9:30	11:35
50th Street & Third Avenue	8:25	9:25	10:30	11:30	12:30	1:35	3:35	5:35	8:05	10:55	2:35	4:25	7:35	11:35	1:35	3:50	5:50	6:50	8:15	9:35	11:40
60th Street & Third Avenue	8:30	9:30	10:35	11:35	12:35	1:40	3:40	5:40	8:10	11:00	2:40	4:30	7:40	11:40	1:40	3:55	5:55	6:55	8:20	9:40	11:45
72th Street & Third Avenue	8:35	9:35	10:40	11:40	12:40	1:45	3:45	5:45	8:15	11:05	2:45	4:35	7:45	11:45	1:45	4:00	6:00	7:00	8:25	9:45	11:50
79th Street & Third Avenue	8:40	9:40	10:45	11:45	12:45	1:50	3:50	5:50	8:20	11:10	2:50	4:40	7:50	11:50	1:50	4:05	6:05	7:05	8:30	9:50	11:55
86th Street & Third Avenue	8:45	9:45	10:50	11:50	12:50	1:55	3:55	5:55	8:25	11:15	2:55	4:45	7:55	11:55	1:55	4:10	6:10	7:10	8:35	9:55	12:00

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70th Street Lexington Between 69th & 70th Street	9:55	11:55	1:00	2:25	3:30	5:10	6:20	7:25	8:35	10:10	8:25	9:25	10:55	1:25	4:00	6:20	8:05	12:35	5:10	8:20	10:10	
59th Street Lexington Between 58th & 59th Street	10:05	12:00	1:10	2:35	3:35	5:15	6:30	7:30	8:40	10:20	8:30	9:30	11:00	1:35	4:05	6:30	8:10	12:40	5:20	8:25	10:20	
47th Street Lexington Between 46th & 47th Street	10:15	12:10	1:20	2:45	3:45	5:25	6:40	7:35	8:45	10:25	8:40	9:40	11:10	1:45	4:15	6:40	8:20	12:50	5:25	8:35	10:25	
40th Street Lexington Between 39th & 40th Street	10:20	12:20	1:30	2:55	3:55	5:35	6:45	7:40	8:50	10:35	8:50	9:50	11:20	1:55	4:25	6:45	8:30	1:00	5:35	8:45	10:35	
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Water Mill In Front of Robert's Restaurant	12:30	2:30	3:35	5:05	6:05	7:45	8:55	9:50	11:00	12:45	11:00	12:00	1:30	4:05	6:35	8:55	10:40	3:10	7:45	10:55	12:45	
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Wainscott Across From La Capannina Pizza	12:50	2:50	3:45	5:25	6:25	8:05	9:15	10:10	11:20	1:05	11:20	12:20	1:50	4:25	6:55	9:15	11:00	3:30	8:05	11:15	1:05	
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TJ Clemente

Back at Town Pond, for now.....

Snowbirds

The Swans in EH Town Pond Migrate in the Winter—To Where?

By Dan Rattiner

Ten days ago, which was the worst part of this very cold winter, Three Mile Harbor froze. It does this about every 10 years, and some years it is thick enough for fishermen to tromp out onto the ice, dig a hole through it, drop a line and fish for eels.

I live right across from this harbor and watch it every day, and I can tell you it did get that thick this winter, though not for long. It was just a day or two, so there was not enough time for the word to get out. Nobody showed. Then it melted to just a sheet of ice on one half, and open water on the other. This remained for nearly a month.

During this time, I had the pleasure of the company of five white swans across the way. They loved the open water, and they loved the mystery of trying to walk on the thin ice, which, sometimes, they broke and fell down into to float gracefully among the shards. There were huge amounts of fish to eat, I can tell you that. And the swans were not shy of ducking their bills down to get them.

The regular year round fish-diving residents of the harbor that include loons, red breasted mergansers and buffleheads, were this year joined not only by the swans, but also, for a while, by huge gaggles of Canadian geese, which would fly around in great packs. Down below, on some occasions, the fish would churn up the water as they tried splashing and leaping up and above the surface of it. Try me! Try me! they seemed to say, although they would regret that. Not only were they attacked by the divers, but they also were attacked by the kamikaze birds, which, besides the sea gulls, included the ospreys and terns and grebes. The swooping and dive bombing was a great part of their day this winter, as it is every winter.

I was particularly interested in the mute swans out there, because as I drove through into downtown East Hampton every day, it was quite obvious that Town Pond on the green there, which is the permanent home for five white swans—two parents and three teenagers—was completely abandoned by them.

It was easy to put two and two together. This small pond had frozen solid. There was no way to get at the fish beneath the ice. And furthermore, hordes of human mothers and fathers and children invaded the ice every day for hockey and iceskating.

The white swans always defend their turf there on Town Pond, at least until this winter. You'd come close. They'd hiss. You'd get the message and just watch, not touch. But here it was, this year, and they were outta there and over on the thin ice in front of my house. They stayed for two weeks, right through a snowstorm, and now, I think, they are back in the pond.

In some ways, what was going on here reminded me of where my late parents went every winter when things in Montauk got too slow in the wintertime. They'd head south to Florida where the weather was better.

Snowbirds, is what the locals down in Florida called them and everybody else who took a plane down for a month or two.

I suspect here in the Harbor, the geese and seagulls and ducks are chattering the same thing. When are those Snowbirds going back where they came from?

Not that they haven't, but I've never seen the Harbor crowd messing around on Town Pond. And I know why.

MTK. DOWNS POOLS, ORIENT PARK COULD CLOSE

By T.J. Clemente

The effects of New York State's fiscal woes are now being felt on the very tip of the North and South Forks with the proposed closing of Orient Beach State Park and the swimming pool in Montauk Downs State Park. In a budget proposal by lame duck Governor Paterson is language that would cut the state parks budget by $29 million, resulting in closure of 55 parks, including six on Long Island. (There are no other state park closures east of Riverhead.)

This week, New York State Assemblyman Fred Thiele stated his "unalterable opposition" to a budget proposal, as did Southold Supervisor Scott Russell. On March 1, an enthusiastic group of Southold Town residents held a rally in Orient, in order to, in Russell's words, "to save this beautiful gem of a park." Russell claims that it's the park's remote location that prompted state decision makers to close it. And he's convinced that released figures showing that operations at the park losing money are misleading—the park actually operates at a surplus. Russell explained the frustration of local North Fork business that will lose revenue from the day trippers in the summer. He said it made "no sense" to close a beautiful beach park in a down economy because, "with people traveling less and trying to save money, Orient Beach State Park is a viable option."

Many people living on the South Fork also visit Orient a few times each summer to watch boats sail between the forks. The view from Orient Beach shores never grows old. The swimming there is quite pleasant and there's a snack bar, gift shop, showers and restrooms.

At the Montauk Chamber of Commerce, Executive Director Laraine Creegan said she was outraged and that , "over 25 motel/hotels in Montauk don't have pools. The two pools at Montauk Downs are a major attraction."

Thiele said, "The Governor's proposal is penny-wise and pound foolish. First, parks generate revenue for the state through user fees, which would be lost through the closures. Second, parks generate economic activity by being magnets for tourism. When a visitor comes to a park they

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Town of Riverhead in October of 2007 in a great ceremony at the Riverhead Town Hall. The develo... two giant European resort de... firms, agreed ... million for ... parcel ... op... currently covet... with scrub pine. This was the abandoned military ... at the western edge ...

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Eel Missing

Giant Ecuadorian Slithers off Flat Bed Truck into Shinnecock Canal

Originally published in *Dan's Papers* Jan. 16, 2004

By Dan Rattiner

The Great Ecuadorian Eel, not seen in these parts for almost a year, came back to the area for a visit, but it did not go well. It was also not in a way that he had appeared any time before.

The Great Ecuadorian, as he is known, has been spotted in the Hamptons in the wintertime since 1998. At 35 feet in length and more than five feet around, the eel seems to have the strength to swim all the way from Ecuador every year, arriving around January and staying until March. He has not been hard to miss. Vicious and powerful, he leaps out from under the ice in our local ponds to devour automobiles, small dogs or whatever else that comes near. He has been seen in Great Pond in Water Mill, in Trout Pond in Noyac and, most recently last year, in Little Peconic Bay. He was also seen by passengers aboard the Orient Point-New London Ferry last winter, swimming alongside the boat as it passed Plum Island. The Great Ecuadorian has eluded all attempts at capture.

Until now. Two months ago, the Great Ecuadorian Eel was finally caught in his native Ecuador by some German trappers. They cornered him in a river headwaters, shot him with a dart gun to keep him sedated, and then strapped him to the back of a flatbed truck. Here, they found, that by using a gasoline-powered engine in a kind of waterfall contraption, they could constantly pour recycled water over him and could keep him alive and content for what they expected would be a very lucrative tour of North America. He was fed small animals three times a day.

Two weeks ago, the Great Ecuadorian was shown in Bay Shore at the future site of the Long Island Aquarium. About 5,000 people attended, not as many as the promoters might have wished, but then it was during a snowstorm.

"He had never seen snow before," Dieter VonSchnaps told the press through an interpreter. "He was very happy."

At this press conference, VonSchnaps, through his interpreter, described some of the special measures that had been taken to get the eel to Long Island. The caravan had been in Philadelphia by the Liberty Bell the day before, and had hoped they could go through Manhattan using the Holland and the East River Tunnels, but they found there was a law against it.

"Nothing longer than 26 feet is allowed through the tunnels," he said. "So we took the Verazzano-Narrows Bridge." That tied up traffic for miles, particularly along the Belt Parkway.

In any case, after the showing in Bay Shore, the caravan packed up and headed east for what they expected would be the next showing in Noyac last Thursday. They particularly wanted to pose him next to Trout Pond, where the eel had had an encounter with a Cablevision repair truck and repairman that had ended badly for the cable people. They never made it.

Last Wednesday, in the early hours of the morning on a moonless night, the caravan arrived at the back of what is known as the "Trade Parade" on Sunrise Highway. This is the long traffic jam that forms up every weekday morning on the East End, as the blue-collar workers who live in central Long Island all try, at the same time, to drive their pickup trucks east to their job sites in the Hamptons. The parade is sometimes five miles long, backed up from the Southampton exit along Sunrise. People are used to it.

Apparently, the Great Ecuadorian Eel was not used to it, however. Somewhere between the Hampton Bays exit—when the great Ecuadorian was still seen securely tied to the flatbed truck with the water splashing over him—and the Shinnecock exit, in the darkness of that night, the eel vanished. The caravan pulled off to the side of the road near the Lobster Inn, when it was noticed that the eel was missing and the police were called in.

A preliminary investigation seemed to convince the police that the eel had broken his bonds, slithered off the flatbed and gone into the Shinnecock Canal as the caravan passed along the bridge over it. A slimy wet trail of florescent material, five feet wide and 100 feet long, was found on the center lane of the highway, where the caravan had been moving along in a stop-and-go manner, and it continued to the metal bridge railing on the south side ending at a point where the guard rail had been bent and mashed to the asphalt.

"Here's where he seems to have gone over the edge," Hampton Police Chief Pasta commented later. "Of course the slimy green smear could have been caused by something else entirely."

The public is asked not to be alarmed by this development. The eel lives almost entirely underwater, appearing only for brief moments above the surface to grab a bite to eat here and there. From the canal, the eel could have gone almost anywhere. To the south, the canal opens to Shinnecock Bay, the Inlet and the Atlantic Ocean, so it is possible that the eel is on his way back to Ecuador. East or west could bring it to Mecox, Water Mill or Hampton Bays, or even to Westhampton Beach or Fire Island.

On the other hand, to the north, the canal opens to Peconic Bay and, from there, the eel could swim inland to Riverhead and up the Carmen River, or east to Greenport, Shelter Island or Sag Harbor. Police want the public to be particularly attuned to the fact that the Great Ecuadorian Eel might make an appearance in Trout Pond again, where he had a pleasurable encounter with a female Great Ecuadorian two years ago before vanishing through the straits toward Orient Point.

If you see the eel, stand perfectly still until he goes away, as he has extremely poor eyesight and only is able to see things that move. After he leaves, call either Dieter VonSchnaps at the Huffenpuffen Eelgeshlanger Rootentooten in Munich, Germany, or call the federal police in Quito, Ecuador, who are coordinating the search for the eel and have a warrant out for the arrest of VonSchnaps, on charges of kidnapping a national Ecuadorian treasure for illicit big bucks purposes.

The eel's planned appearance at the Montauk Lighthouse next week has, as you might have suspected, been cancelled, according to VonSchnaps. The rest of the tour is on hold, awaiting developments.

A Pilot, a Minister and a Doctor Went into Haiti...

By Aline Reynolds

Some dedicated East Enders are nurturing hope amid the ruins of Haiti. A pilot, a minister, and a doctor are among area residents who are applying their skills to the relief effort on the earthquake-ravaged island.

Michael Mancuso, Reverend Don Havrilla, Dr. James Giugliano

Michael Mancuso, a Westhampton Beach restaurateur and movie stuntman, spent nine consecutive days transporting food, medical supplies, clothing and other necessities to clinics, orphanages and churches in Port-au-Prince and smaller communities, including Cap Haitien, Jacmel and Les Cayes. Mancuso, commissioned by Cablevision Systems Corporation, flew his Navajo airplane to and from Haiti, using a base in the Bahamas.

Working with the Bahamas Methodist Habitat, an outreach program that collects the resources, Mancuso shuttled between 1,200 and 1,400 pounds of food to Haiti per day. The round-trip between the Bahamas and Haiti takes 12 hours, since planes must refuel on Turks and Caicos, an island just north of Haiti.

Mancuso saw gratifying signs of activity on Haiti. "Small children would come up and poke me, then run, look back and wave," Mancuso said. "It was nice to see that, in the middle of this really bad situation, the kids are just being kids." In Jacmel, the pilot saw civilians crafting jewelry and cooking shish-ka-bobs.

Mancuso welcomes the chance to use his piloting skills for an altruistic purpose. "It's a really unique opportunity for aviation, especially small planes, to shine," he said.

Another East Ender actively involved in Haitian relief is the Reverend Don Havrilla of the Southampton Full Gospel Church, along with his wife, Eileen. Havrilla expects that a school run by the church's program, Mission Reach Out Haiti, will resume classes soon. The school, which serves grades pre-K through 9, is located just outside the city of Léogâne, 90% of which was destroyed by the earthquake. Fortunately, only two of the school's nine buildings were severely damaged. Havrilla is soliciting $250,000 in donations from East Enders for these and other repairs. So far, he has collected around $25,000.

Though the Haitian government proposed a March 1 reopening date for the schools, Rev. Havrilla, currently in Haiti, says the crumbling schools aren't nearly ready to resume their regular schedules. In the meantime, his school is offering music, games and prayer services for its students.

"Right now, they're scared to death to go into any buildings," Eileen Havrilla said, so all activities are being held outdoors. Administrators are awaiting 12 classroom-sized tents that the government has promised to them.

The school is parceling out food rations to approximately 600 Haitians per day, hoping that the provisions will reach families and not be stolen. "Food is like cash there," Havrilla said. "When you're distributing it, and there's a stronger person out there, that kid is probably never going to get that food home."

Dr. James Giugliano of Southampton Hospital has also pitched in. In late January, the physician joined a group of doctors and nurses assembled by Island Impact Ministries. The group treated 1,200 patients suffering from gangrene, infectious diarrhea, malnutrition and other serious conditions in one week. Medical supplies, airfare costs and other donations were made by Our Lady of the Hamptons, staff members of Southampton High School, the First Presbyterian Church of Southampton, and patients of Giugliano. The doctor contributed thousands of dollars out of his own pocket.

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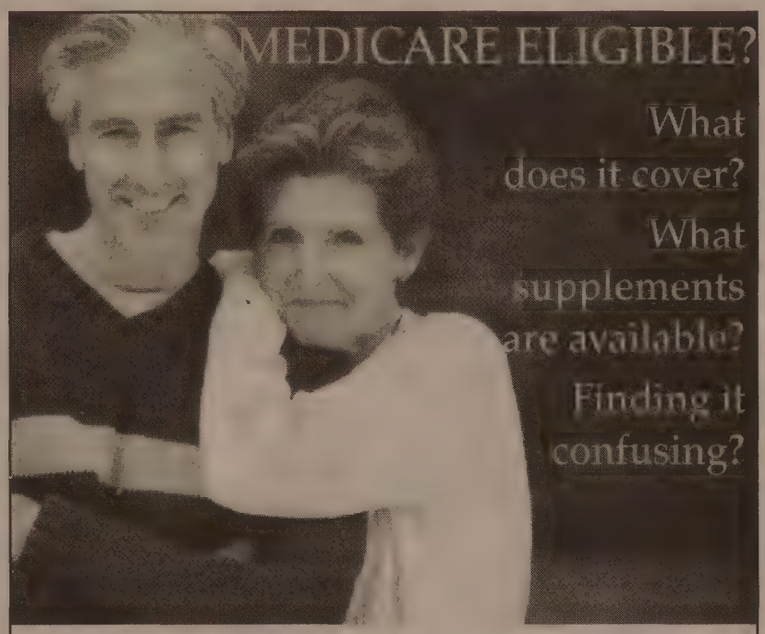

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property and, with a professional staff, began broadcasting to the greater eastern Long Island community, with additional facilities so that the other colleges of that University in Riverhead, Brookville and Brooklyn could hear it as well. I think they felt it could serve as a fundraising tool at the time.

Beginning about 20 years ago—this is such a sad story—LIU began to seriously mismanage the Southampton campus. Insisting on a firm home rule from Brooklyn, the college was run from afar and with poor oversight, resulting in overspending, poor morale and resentment.

When LIU finally revealed that, in spite of full enrollment, the facility was being run at a huge financial loss, they announced that it would have to be shut down. Southampton College—they had downgraded it from College to Center to Campus as their control had tightened—would be put up for sale. It would make a nice housing development for someone.

When assessors valued it at about half of what they thought it was worth, they took another tack and began talking with Stony Brook University, a State college, about buying the property.

Interestingly, during this time, LIU fought tooth and nail to keep the radio station and its studios on what would soon become the new state school. They arranged a five-year lease. The station would be a sort of enclave of the earlier private university in the midst of Stony Brook Southampton as the new state university came to be called.

Keep in mind that, before the campus was sold, the station was taking in $2 million but spending a bloated $3 million. As this would continue, they'd continue to lose $1 million a year for the next five years. And during these next five years, as the lease continued, LIU kept having to make up for this million-dollar shortfall every year. That they could have avoided this by simply leaving the station, as they were leaving the rest of the campus, apparently eluded them.

People have argued that the private sector can always run things on a better budget than can the public sector, and that is undoubtedly true. But here is a great lesson in how badly the private sector can run something from afar when they insist that every paper clip and pencil purchased be approved in Brooklyn.

LIU, bloodied and bleeding, finally did announce last summer that they would be out of there when the lease ended in October 2009. And with that, longtime Station Manager Wally Smith who was spending LIU's largesse over the years, stepped up to the plate, announced the formation of the Peconic Broadcasting Company, and said that if he could negotiate the purchase of LIU's broadcast license, he would. And he would run the station for about $1 million less than it had been run before. In other words, Smith felt he knew how to run a station and break even. It's just that LIU never pressed him to do it.

It has been a long, seven-month negotiation among three parties since last summer. Stony Brook Southampton, which has its own agenda, did not want to buy the station either, and did not want the studios taking up the classroom space on the campus. They wanted the space for their celebrated creative writing program, which, currently, has to hold classes in different buildings on the campus rather than near its headquarters location, directly across the hall from the radio station.

LIU, suddenly licking their chops that they had a buyer willing to continue public radio, nevertheless decided to look past Wally Smith by holding a bidding war. They got other bids, including, apparently, one from a religious order, but at the end of the day, Peconic Broadcasting won for $850,000. This was in October, the very month that the lease ended. Although time had run out, Stony Brook Southampton very generously agreed to extend the lease for six months, until March 31, 2010.

It's been a particularly rocky time since then. Beginning in November, LIU demanded from Smith that Peconic Broadcasting reimburse them for all expenses until the takeover. On the other hand, LIU declined to continue to pay the salaries of the 13 people who worked there. These people had to continue on as volunteers if they wished to stay. Many of them became part-time workers. Smith, on his end, reduced the local programming and took in more cultural stuff from NPR and APR.

Meanwhile, until a contract was signed, Smith was unable to go into fundraising mode to raise the $850,000 needed for the license, because he didn't have the tax-exempt corporation activated to take it in. That status could not activate until after the signing of a contract.

At the present time, the place is being run by a staff of eight people in the vast, 4,000 square feet of studio space on the campus. In three weeks, the studios will move to a temporary space half that size—which will likely be the now-abandoned, 2,000-square-foot, 19th-century former Rogers Library on Jobs Lane—until more permanent facilities can be arranged.

There are also other costs. There's the expense of moving equipment, which could easily top $100,000. There's the six months of costs owed to LIU for backing the station at Stony Brook Southampton since October—another $140,000.

"We've got these big amounts to pay over the next few months," Smith told me. "They are a bit spaced out. And we will have to fundraise for them. But by the beginning of next year, we should be well on our way to having a healthy radio station."

As an ongoing operation, the station does take in about $180,000 a month from pledges

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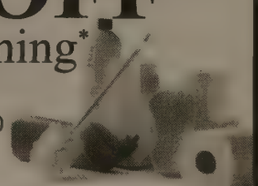

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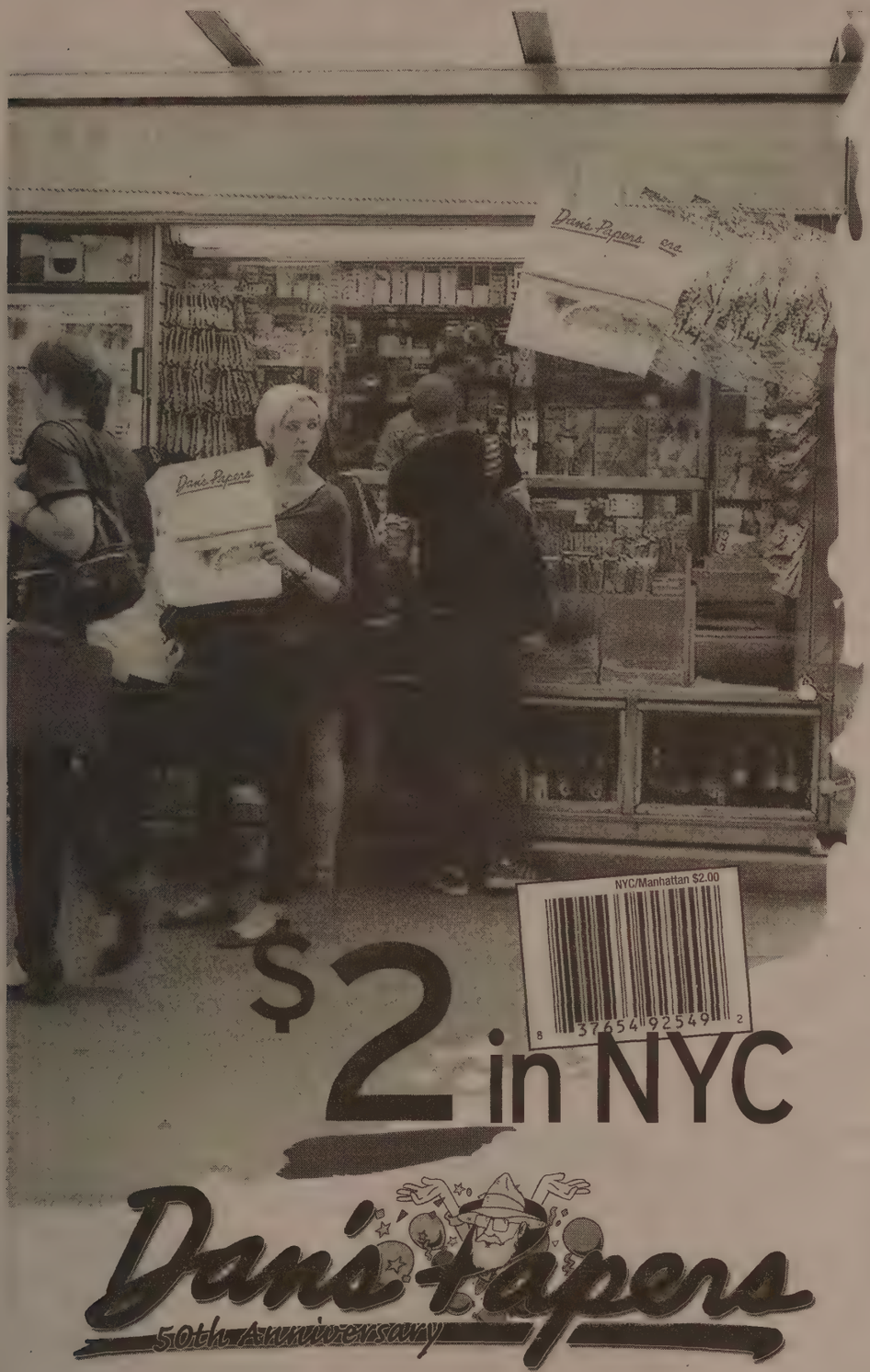

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This newspaper, which I founded 50 years ago, was conceived and carried out as the first free newspaper in America. At that time, I reasoned that the new medium of television was free to viewers, and I thought that giving readers a newspaper for free was a right protected and encouraged by our country's constitution.

Television, radio, magazines and newspapers were nearly 100%-supported by advertising back then. It seemed to me that advertisers would eagerly embrace a newspaper that would sacrifice the small revenue it received from individual copy sales, in exchange for a wide distribution five or ten times that size. It had never been done before, and it required some explanation for local merchants. But as it turned out, I was right about that.

Today, the playing field is very different and so is *Dan's Papers*. On the playing field now are dozens of free ways to get information over the Internet. News is transmitted almost instantaneously. As for Dan's Papers, it has morphed into a work of art on its cover and a whole lot of opinions on the inside, plus a widely ranging guide to activities on the East End. One could not call it a newspaper or even a magazine. I don't know what you would call it. Perhaps it is just *Dan's Papers*, a category unto itself.

***Dan's Papers* will remain a powerful free newspaper in the community it serves—Montauk, the Hamptons and the North Fork—supported by many eager advertisers.**

Beyond the gates that close across the Shinnecock Canal every night at midnight, however, it will embrace the new model—with the ads in the paper providing an extra push in New York for those who pay for them. At the same time, we're asking those who enjoy the *Dan's Papers* stories and covers (a copy of the paper on EBay with a signed cover by Peter Max was recently sold for $139) to pay $2.00 per copy. A small note on the front of every issue will read $2 IN NYC.

During this summer, the paper is proudly celebrating its 50th anniversary with all sorts of events, book readings, races, kite flies and parties. A second edition of the best selling memoir *In the Hamptons: 50 Years with Farmers, Fishermen, Artists, Celebrities, and Billionaires* will be out on Memorial Day in all bookstores. It is called, *In the Hamptons Too, Further Encounters with Farmers, Fishermen, Artists, Celebrities and Billionaires.* There was a bake sale for charity last month at our offices and there have been two art gallery exhibits of this author's cartoons—one at the Wintertree Gallery in Sag Harbor and a current showing at the Stony Brook Southampton college library to continue for a month—and, later this summer, there will be an art auction for charity of original paintings by *Dan's Papers* cover artists—Peter Max being one.

On the left is the list of where to find *Dan's Papers* in New York City. Thank you for reading and enjoying *Dan's Papers.*

-Dan Rattiner, Founder

Haiti (continued from page 15))

thousands of dollars out of his own pocket.

The medical workers set up clinics wherever they could, improvising when necessary. In Léogâne, Giugliano and his team saw approximately 250 patients in a makeshift space formed by parking three trucks in a horseshoe position, laying a tarp floor between them, and using a tree trunk to hold up a roof.

Giugliano fears that infections could reappear if treatments aren't sustained. "All the work we have done will be in vain if there isn't a continuity of care," he said. "If we don't get the medication and wound supplies to them, we'll lose a big battle."

On the upside, Giugliano noticed a steady surge in cabbage, carrots and other produce being transported to the city from village farms. The doctor also commented on the resourcefulness of the Haitians, who devise tents out of branches, twine and sheets, and wash their clothes with water from broken pipes. "We're driving around in the back of a jungle truck, looking exhausted, and they're all well-dressed, their clothes impeccably clean," he said. "They looked fantastic."

Despite the devastation on the island, Giugliano saw many smiling faces and a burning determination to push on. "Their spirits were incredible," the doctor said. "It's amazing how they reeled from this catastrophe to look on the bright side and keep moving."

Giugliano has created two websites, doctorshelpinghaiti.org and nurseshelpinghaiti.org, for medical workers worldwide to get involved in the cause.

Panoramic (continued from page 12)

Review Board approved a series of lovely decorative brick chimneys on the roofs of them to break up the large roof—but with larger units, some of them duplexes. It's more in keeping with what people want these days. The Panoramic View received a license to co-op in 1984. It's got a right to do this.

I have to say that the new units are gorgeous. They have a nautical theme. The sea is right there outside. You can sit in a hot tub on the deck and look out. They are a credit to the community.

The Panoramic View is open all winter. Rooms are being rented for the weekend and nightly. They were sold out for Valentine's Day. The residencies are built for enjoyment all year round. See for yourself. And in the gorgeous newly renovated lobby—with a living room where a back office once was—you can consider buying one of these large units for just upwards of $2 million. An on-site management company will rent them out for you when you are not there and you'll get some money back from that. The French family would be proud.

I think, also, the community should be proud. Everything on the ocean needs a renovation after half a century. The buyers found bees, termites and carpenter ants in the crumbling corner foundations they replaced in the Hilltop building. But if certain people in the town and local newspapers give everybody such a hard time, it will make everything very hard to do and no others will embark on such great endeavors.

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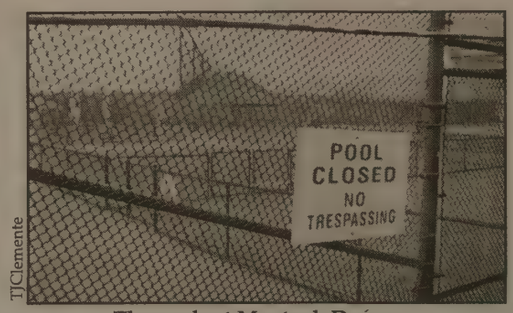

The pools at Montauk Downs

spend money at local businesses like restaurants, grocery stores, etc. This generates revenue for the state through sales and business taxes. A recent study commissioned by Parks and Trails of New York found ... that more than $5 of economic benefit is derived from every $1 invested in our park system." The Assemblyman concluded by saying, "these closures hit the middle class the hardest. Park attendance was at record numbers in 2009, even during a recession, because they provide an inexpensive form of recreation for families."

The bottom line, as Supervisor Russell said, was that Albany decision makers believe they can take advantage of the remoteness of the East End when making cuts. Thiele said he and his Assembly colleagues had signed a letter opposing the closures, adding, "As a member of the Assembly Ways & Means Committee, I'll fight to avert any closures of our State Parks."

Montauk's Creegan insisted she will use the full force of the influence of the chamber to hopefully change some minds in Albany.

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Money Washes in with Sea Spray Auction

By T.J. Clemente

The long awaited auction for the leases to East Hampton Village's 13 Sea Spray Cottages, located right on Main Beach, was held on Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Emergency Services Building in the Village. Under the new procedure to make the cottages available to the highest bidders, a new ritual was born.

The required minimum bids for the 13 cottages ranged from $30,000 for a one-bedroom/1-bath unit, to $55,000 for a three-bedrooms/two-bath unit. All bids required a completed lease agreement and $15K bank check.

TJ Clemente

In 2009 the total amount of income generated from leases of these Village-owned cottages was $515,000. If the winning highest bids of last Saturday's auction get awarded (after being reviewed by the town attorney and approved by the Village Board), the 2010 leases for the 13 Sea Spray Cottages will bring in $827,000, a net increase of $312,000 over last year.

So much for the down rental economy.

Village of East Hampton Administrator Larry Cantwell was "pleased with the results...as things went very smoothly with about 30 bidders, the whole process taking about an hour and a half." Cantwell said the only hitch—and a slight one at that—was that the bidding didn't start at 11 a.m. but at noon to accomodate those who may have had difficulty getting to the auction because of the snow storm. Cantwell said that since many bidders came from out of town, he felt compelled to wait the extra hour.

All leases are for one season, from May 14–Sept. 19, with the option to renew for two additional seasons. Only two of last year's 13 leaseholders won bids for 2010 Sea Spray Cottage leases. The highest bid, according to Cantwell, was "$100,000 for Cottage #8," a 3BR unit. He said the lowest bid was $30,000 for the 1BR Cottage #1. A 3BR unit for $100,000 breaks down to 129 days at $776.00 per day ($258 per bedroom, per day). The 1BR cottage works out to $233 per day and per bedroom—not bad for a place right on the ocean in East Hampton.

Cantwell was beaming with pride over the fact that the village will now have a quick $312,000 added to the treasury to be spent wisely during this year, when surplus funds are tough to come by. Many within the village were glad to see a loosening of the vice-like grip some had on the cottages. Some felt that previously, the waiting list process was costing the village money and almost became a right of passage to former leaseholders. All that has changed now. It will be interesting to see who renews and if the amount of the "up for bid" leases continues to increase over the years.

When informed about the added $312,000 for the village, one local shopkeeper said, "I guess that's a good weekend's worth of village parking tickets." While the snow is still falling it might be fun to review the parking permits for East Hampton Village beaches that have been on sale since February 1, and can be purchased at Village Hall or by mail. (Call 631 324-4150 for info.) Permits are $300 for non-residents and free for Village residents. Permits for non-residents are limited (2,900) and available on a first-come, first-served basis (over 1,000 are already sold).

Main Beach and Two Mile Hollow are the only village beaches that offer "Pay by Day" parking. Weekday rates for 2010 are $20 per vehicle, on week-DAYS only. All other village beaches require the parking permit between May 15 and September 15. Once again, due to popular demand and a turnover in East Hampton's Supervisors office, there will be no 2010 resident beach fees for East Hampton town residents to town beaches. Democracy does sometimes work. Just ask the people who finally got a shot at a Sea Spray cottage for the season.

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SH Bond Rating Drops

By T.J. Clemente

Moody's has lowered the 2010 bond rating for Southampton Town. According to Supervisor Anna Throne-Holst, it's not totally bad news. "The downgrade of the town's bond rating from Aa1 to Aa2 is as positive an outcome as could have been hoped for of the credit watch the town was put on last year," she said. She thought the downgrade could only have been better if there were, "... no change—which would be near impossible considering [municipal bond rates] as a whole are down as a result of the economy, as well as Southampton's recent history and headlines around financial management vows."

Throne-Holst also talked about blame. "Blame is on the economic downturn as well as the premature conclusions touted by the press prior to having a full understanding of the extent of past accounting discrepancies," she said. "No doubt, the headlines coming out of East Hampton added to the negative speculation."

Okay, what's the cost of the downgrade to the town? According to Throne-Holst, "In simple terms, it's the addition of five basis points to our borrowing rate. So, if we previously were borrowing at 3.5%, we are now at a rate of 3.55% which translates roughly to an additional $8,000+ over 15 years (or $500+ per year) on a $1M bond."

The situation could have been worse if the board and town hadn't taken the steps it took, or as Throne-Holst put it, "Moody's opined very favorably on the corrective action and vastly improved systems already undertaken to rectify past issues, as well as expressed a positive outlook for the town and its treasury management."

Throne-Holst has a plan to right the ship and get the rating back up. "It will be incumbent on us to continue to budget realistically and conservatively, improve our projections capability (in the works) as well as consider areas for reorganization, consolidation, shared services and procurement, etc."

In East Hampton, the rating was lowered to A2 by Moody's. But according to a former town specialist on the matter, "it wasn't so much because of the problems, it was because the town no longer had a surplus!"

A Moody's official said that, considering East Hampton's ability to raise taxes and its extremely strong tax base, including out-of-town owners of second luxury homes, the town would always be able to meet its obligations. East Hamptons' bond rating rose from A2 to AA1 in 2003, making it the highest-rated town on Long Island. The rating remained there until May 19, 2008 when it was lowered to A2, a four-level drop that reflects an ongoing deficit. At that time the town, under Len Bernard who worked for EH Supervisor Jay Schniederman, grew big surpluses. Now, once again, Bernard is back in 2010, holding the reins under Supervisor Wilkinson.

The question is, was it the 2003 booming economy, or was it Bernard's and Schneiderman's wisdom—or both—that created the surpluses? Lucky Bernard will get an opportunity to do his magic again. If they could only reduce the taxes by 30%, back to where they were before the '09/10 increases and still make it all work out.

WLIU (continued from page 16)

and grants. But since these amounts do not coincide with the due date of the payments, Smith has arranged for lines of credit at two local banks—the Bridgehampton National Bank and the Suffolk County National Bank.

He's also arranged for a company headed by Porter Bibb, managing partner of MediaTech Capital Partners, to handle the fundraising for him.

Programming? Don't expect too much during this transition. Bonnie Grice, the popular morning show host, will be there, albeit with reduced hours. There will be other local programming, but a much larger share will be purchased from NPR and APR than previously.

"And of course," Smith concluded with a smile, "when we take the two or three days to move the studios, we'll air just about 100% NPR material and previously-recorded local stuff."

Get your checkbooks out, everybody. You asked for it. Now you gotta pay for it.

Incidentally, here's part of the press release issued by the President of LIU, David Steinberg, about the sale, which might have been a religious station if Peconic had gotten outbid.

"We are pleased that Peconic Public Broadcasting was able to move ahead with the purchase of the station," he wrote. "This allows the transformative power of public radio to continue to thrive on Long Island's East End, providing a critical public service and enlightening listening audiences through innovative news and cultural programming."

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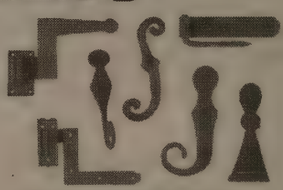

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The Sheltered Islander By Sally Flynn

Supply and Command

Whenever a big snow storm is predicted, IGA makes out great because we all stockpile for the storm. People prepare differently for storms according to sex, age group and marital status. Couples split into two categories: BWC (Broke With Children) or CWM (Childless With Money).

Bachelors who live alone have the shortest storm supplies list: beer. Bachelors whose girlfriends live with them? Beer and maybe a candle so she doesn't freak out if the lights go out.

Single women with no children have the best list: chocolate, candles, magazines, tasty canned foods that they love since they don't have to please anyone else, cozy comforter, charged cell phone to chat away the time if the cable goes out.

Single Mothers have the worst list: candles, Lunchables, kid's snack foods, crayons, coloring books, games, at least 10 minutes on a prepaid cell phone to call for help if needed, and absolutely nothing for themselves. If she has a boyfriend and if he's coming over, she also has to buy his beer. Why? Because once a man is dating, it seems to be her responsibility to make everything he wants appear before his eyes. He comes over before the storm, opens the fridge, sees the Lunchables and juice boxes and says, "Hey, you didn't get me any beer?"

BWC (Broke With Children) couples get everything on the single mom list, including beer, but the man is smart enough to get shrimp and chocolate for her, bags of salt, and possibly a new snow shovel.

CWM (Childless With Money) couples can get a list of any supplies they want, but why bother? If you're going to be trapped inside for a few days, why shouldn't it be in a nice hotel with room service? Like the Sheridan?

Retired people are the best prepared. They've lived long enough to anticipate every possible contingency plan for a storm. They have a wood or kerosene stove if the heat goes out. They have lots of candles if the lights go out. They have plenty of canned food, and they always know where the can opener is. The have decks of cards and know card games. They've lived a long time, so they have funny stories to tell and retell. They do not require TV to entertain themselves or each other. They don't have cell phones because they can't see the tiny buttons or figure out how the stupid little things work anyway—but it's okay because they don't need any help to get through a storm. Prior to the storm, they hired someone to shovel them out. They know someone will come check on them if no one has seen or heard from them 48 hours after the storm. When they go to the IGA for storm supplies, they get cat or dog food, toilet paper and make a pharmacy run to insure they have all their meds.

If you're not retired, you should always know a retired couple and stay on their good side. In the event of a really bad storm and your supplies are running low, call them. The man has a truck, or something with four-wheel drive. They will come and rescue you and your children. Just pack the kids things and whatever booze you have in the house. The retired people have Margarita and Daiquiri mix and a blender that works. Whatever your hyperactive kids don't drink, the grown-up can have. It breaks the social mores, but hey, it's a snowstorm, no one should be stuck in a house with kids climbing the walls when a little chemical intervention can make everyone's lives easier for the duration.

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"Along with the New York Subway System, Hampton's Subway is the only underground transit system in the State of New York."

By Dan Rattiner

Week of March 6 – March 12, 2010
Riders this week: 5,412
Rider miles this week: 57,821

DOWN IN THE TUBE

Rabbi Marc Schneier of the Hampton Synagogue conducted his first service on the platform of Hampton Subway at Westhampton Beach. Appropriately, it featured a Bible tale called "Daniel in the Lion's Den," as the platform and stop do look something like a "den."

SHELTER ISLAND FAILURE

Commissioner Aspinall attended the christening ceremony of the new bridge connecting North Haven and Shelter Island last Thursday. He stood beside Commissioner Brattlebrow of the Shelter Island Bridge and Tunnel Authority as the champagne bottle was smashed against one of the stanchions of the structure, but then, as the band played, looked up to note with shock that the promised center lane subway tracks for Hampton Subway were not included. He asked Brattlebrow about it.

"We were under the impression," he told Aspinall, "that your tunnel connecting Sag Harbor with Foxwoods would have a stop here on Shelter Island as it passed along underneath the island. Not putting the tracks in saved us $3 billion."

When told that was not the case, it was just one of several proposals, Battlebrow said he would re-think the matter.

HOT SPOT PROBLEM

One of the last things that our most recent marketing director did before being fired two weeks ago was to put down an active internet "hot spot" along the service, so that people all along the route can do their e-mail.

This service has, unfortunately, been suspended due to mis-use. High school and college students board the subway in the morning with their laptops, Xboxes and game boys and spend all day down there online, texting and emailing and otherwise entertaining themselves as the subway cars go around and around on the 65-mile oval that is the subway system. Handicapped people cannot get seats. Last week, four passengers were injured by kids using Wiis to play virtual tennis matches, hit by racket swoops and overhead slams.

"I still think there is something between the Internet and the Subway System that is good," said the Commissioner. "We just don't know what it is."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

Happy Birthday! Florence Baltuzar. This 49-year-old chief clerk of the filing department is one of our very best, and she celebrated her big day with a dinner at Denny's in Riverhead with friends.

COMMISSIONER RETURNS

As I am sure you know, as this was front page news throughout the Hamptons last week, Commissioner Bill Aspinall of Hampton Subway resigned his post a week ago Monday. Appearing as himself on a new episode of "Undercover Boss," he got to hear some of the subway maintenance crew comments on how much the staff of 106 people who work on the system dislike him for the reputation of corruption and bribery that he has brought to the subway system.

Now, however, having received a letter of apology signed by all 106 staff workers, he has agreed to return. Local detectives are looking into the rumors that he received a duffel bag of money late last night at his home to further soothe his ruffled feathers the night before the announcement.

COMMISSIONER ASPINALL'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

I fail to understand how the Commissioner of the Shelter Island Bridge and Tunnel Authority could have not put the subway tracks along the center lane of the new bridge connecting North Haven and Shelter Island. It was in the plans. I was told the steel was delivered from the supplier. What is this crap anyway?

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TWENTYSOMETHING... By David Lion Rattiner

Goodbye Facebook

Facebook is ruining people's lives.

There I said it.

I deleted my Facebook account about a month ago now, an account that I had since it launched in 2004. I remember being at the Northeastern University library and seeing it being used by an insanely attractive hockey cheerleader, and signed up in about 35 seconds.

Over the years I've found Facebook to be an amazing tool for keeping up with friends and finding out what other people are doing. If you have an account, I get it, I know why you have one, I like looking at the pictures of the hot girl from senior year too.

But the steady collection of "friends" just kept growing and a strange desire to post photographs of myself "enjoying" things became important. I would go out for a night at a bar, and perhaps it was the worst night of my life, but I made sure to get a picture of myself giving a big smile and a thumbs up, as if to say, "Look at how much fun I'm having with my life. Jealous much? I know you are."

And I felt fake.

And then came the realization that everybody on Facebook does this. And then came the "event" invites from people whom I have never even spoke to before in person, but perhaps once glanced at in the bagel shop. My e-mail would light up, "Will you join Patricia for her 24th birthday at Bongos this Saturday? Tickets are only $7 at the door."

"Steve has joined the 'Support our troops' fan page. Would you like to join? Are you a bad person David??? Facebook must know, WILL YOU SUPPORT THE TROOPS OR NOT!??"

I do support the troops, Steve and Facebook, I just don't have the F@#$@#g time to click yes to every single frigging thing that I'm asked to join. This is turning into work.

And what if I didn't support the troops? I do support them, not the war. And I respect people in our military and donate and write about Soldier Ride when I can. But what if I didn't? Would I want people to know that? What if I don't take the time to join "Support the troops?" Will that be interpreted as unpatriotic? What if, one day, I fulfill my dream of becoming a CIA secret agent and get to the application process and they investigate my history and they see that I didn't join this group?

Another message, "Dear David, Michael has invited you to join the 'Round up illegal immigrants like the Germans did to the Jews because they are sub-human and the bad economy is all their fault, not massive unaccounted for bank lending.'"

WTF???

And then, out of nowhere, I'm friend-requested by a psycho ex-girlfriend, a guy I got into a fist fight with in high school, another guy who teased me to death in high school, a girl who is a well known drug addict and another guy who my only exposure to was at a bar, listening to him talk about how gay people are all going to hell.

It was at this moment when I realized that I really only want to keep in touch with about five or ten people in my life, and the rest were all just people whom I felt obligated to friend-request or accept a request because I met them literally once, and that just seemed to be what people do. I'm not running for office here, I'm not a celebrity. Why in the name of Zeus's butthole do I need to give all of these people such personal access to me?

Five seconds later, I read a status update that said, "Feeling sad today." And then another five seconds later I read, "On my private plane, headed for Hawaii. Getting excited. Any ladies want to meet me there?"

Ugh, I can't.

And then, to my sheer terror, the super hot undergraduate from college and the super hot girl from high school, who are really the entire reasons I signed up for this thing six years ago in the first place, changed their status messages to the un-holiest of all un-holy status updates, "Super-hot-facebook-chick is now MARRIED."

NOOOOOOOOO!!!!

There is an old saying that applies and rings very true, "A friend to many is a friend to none."

Enjoy your life people, stop pretending to while spending all of it on Facebook.

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No Fun (continued from page 9)

the day and then for a time, during the next day. The town scratched its collective head. It didn't know what to make of her. Had more than 50 people assembled?

In more recent times—last year, in fact—the town of Southampton had a really tough time dealing with a group of people that came down to Sag Main Beach for sunset to do some drumming. They came with bongos, kettle drums, bass drums and snare drums, and the women danced in whirling dervish fashion. The men wore bell-bottoms and headbands in celebration of another era. The sun, as it always does, set. That was the idea. The drumming went on the whole time. They did this every Monday night when the weather was warm enough. And they had been doing it for years, starting with a very small group of just a dozen people.

Soon, this merry band became a nice crowd of 30, and then a gang of 50, and a whole tribe of 200, at which point the police began ticketing cars for blocking emergency vehicle access and suggesting that this was some sort of a violation of public gathering laws—or noise laws, or ruckus laws, or something.

Fun is FUN, goddamnit. The only exception I can see to the strict rules about FUN is in the relaxing of the laws when Bill Frankenbach, a town character and Korean War II veteran, organizes the annual Southampton Fourth of July parade every year. He can hold that parade for 24 hours if he wants. He can hold it until the cows come home. The floats come from far and wide. They come down Main Street for seven or eight hours. He's Bill Frankenbach, for heaven's sake.

On the other hand, what I have to say about East Hampton's failure for the last three years to have Fourth of July fireworks because of the presence of some little endangered bird that nests there is not fit for a family newspaper.

In any case, summer is coming, and this year is the 50th Anniversary year of *Dan's Papers*, founded by this 20-year-old writer in Montauk in 1960. We will have lots of events this summer to celebrate that fact. And we will do whatever it is we have to do to get permits. We hope this little article expressing our disappointment about downward trends does not affect our chances. And we hope you will come.

Also, this year, my second memoir about my 50 years here will go on sale around Memorial Day weekend at BookHampton and other bookstores in the Hamptons; on Amazon and at Barnes & Noble; and on Kindle and Barnes & Noble online (www.bn.com). It is to be called *In the Hamptons Too*. It is the sequel to *In the Hamptons*, the prequel, published by Random House, which was the best-selling book in the Hamptons during summer 2008.

That year, I read 15 different chapters in the book at the 15 different locations where they were set. We did those readings out at the ranch in Montauk; on Main Street in East Hampton; in Agawam Park in Southampton; and at the beach in Amagansett, and people came. We had an ad in the paper every week announcing the location of each reading, and, because of the laws, we announced that attendance will be limited to 49 people since, in most jurisdictions, for 50 or more people to be able to assemble on a street corner, you'd need a permit. It all worked out in the end.

This year, the 15 locations for the 15 chapters will include the seven-story skyscraper in the center of downtown Montauk; Woods Lane, East Hampton, in front of the Jewish Center; the front lawn of the *Dan's Papers* offices in downtown Bridgehampton; and a sidewalk in front of a department store in Southold on the North Fork. Watch for us.

We sneak in, have the reading, and sneak out. They'll never get us.

And if you missed the first memoir when it came around two years ago, you can now buy it as a paperback. Random House officially debuts the paperback on May 6, three weeks before the hardcover release of *In the Hamptons Too*. Alec Baldwin was kind enough to write the preface to it. I hope you like it.

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On the subsequent tour of the island with the Commissioner after the christening, along the main road with the crowds throwing white roses at the parade floats, we passed what the Commissioner told me was his new seven story Bridge and Tunnel Authority Headquarters Building. As it is just partly completed with the skeleton of the building still visible on the upper floors, it did not fail to pass my notice that the steel girders up there look exactly like railroad tracks. But perhaps I am wrong.

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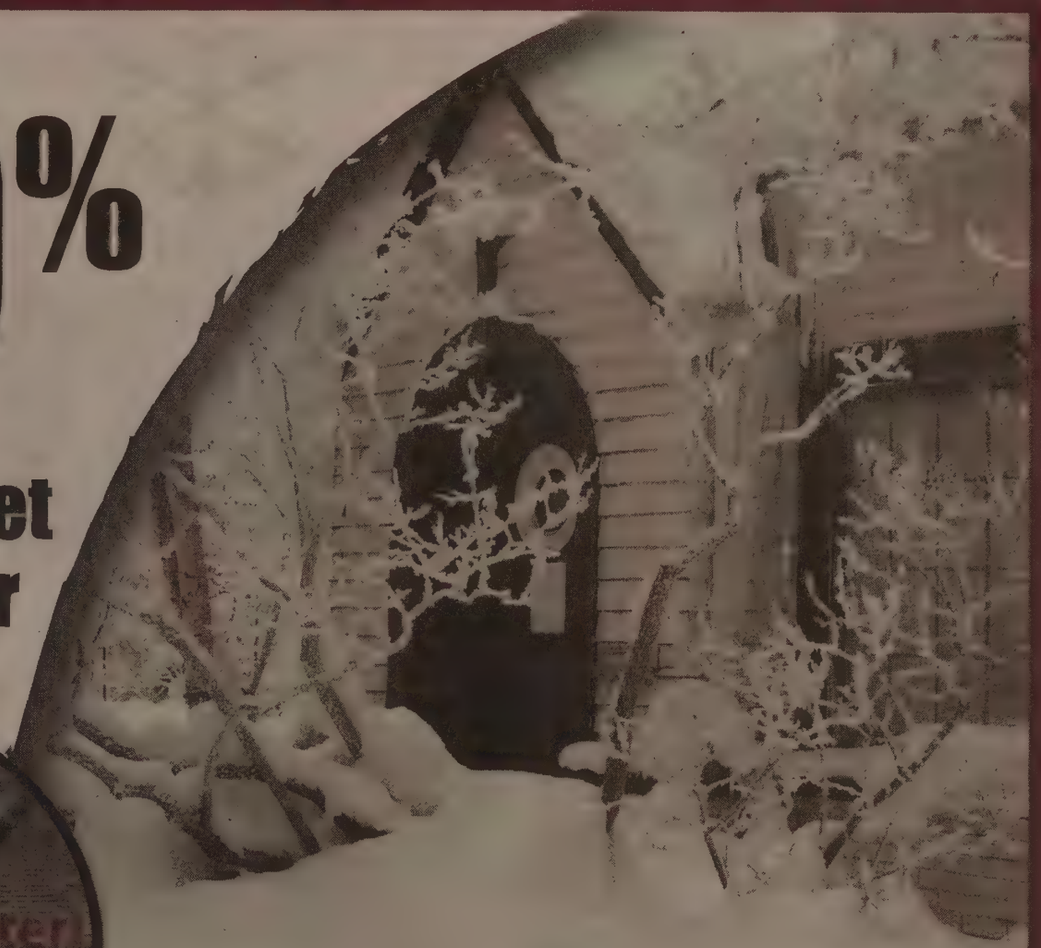

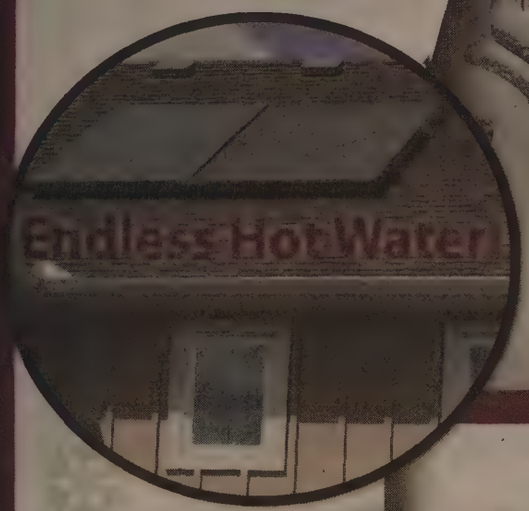

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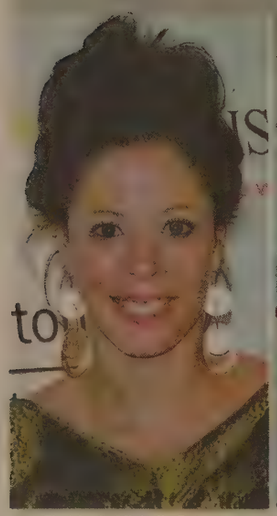

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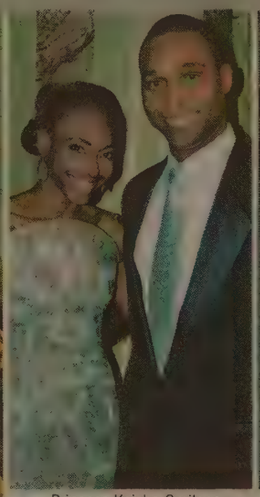

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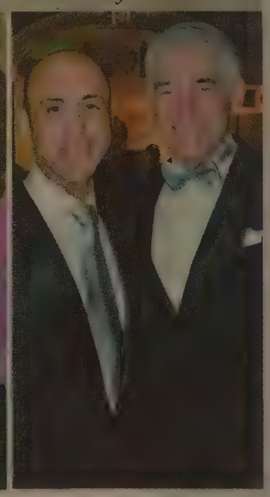

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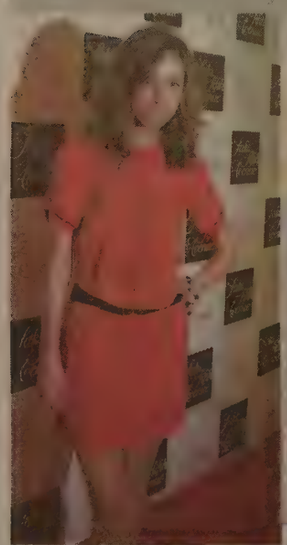

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HEALTH & FITNESS

4 Meals You Should Be Eating Now, 2 Meals to Cut Out

By David Lion Rattiner

Health and fitness. There really is nothing more important. We are so close to the summer and we want to lose weight. Many of us are increasing our exercise routines, but what the hardworking gym rat tends to always forget is the importance of food intake. It is not uncommon to attack the gym full throttle and then find yourself simply eating more food, off setting your hard work and sometimes, even causing weight gain. If you are confused about what you should be eating and what you shouldn't be eating, here is a list to get you started.

Meals To Eat Now

Steamed Broccoli with Chicken Breast – This is the ultimate weight loss meal. It contains almost no carbs, little fat and is extremely filling. Broccoli also offers calcium, which helps combat osteoporosis, and chicken provides lean protein for muscle. The beauty of this meal is that it can be found anywhere if you can't make it yourself at home. Most Chinese restaurants offer the dish, providing a low cost, guilt free lunch that keeps you full.

Metamucil Fiber, Blueberry Smoothie – What's so important about fiber is its ability to make you feel full, which combats hunger. Having a fiber smoothie in the morning using Metamucil's fiber supplements is a weight battling way to start the day. Combine 1 scoop of Metamucil fiber (I like the orange flavored blend) a hand full of blueberries, half a cup of skim milk, a half cup of water and half cup of ice and you have a low calorie meal loaded with antioxidants that is an excellent way to start your day. Don't have time to make this yourself at home? Starbucks offers healthy smoothies called Vivannos that are filling and around 200 calories. They don't contain Metamucil fiber, however they do contain a full banana, which provide potassium and hunger battling natural fiber.

Salmon Almond Salad with Raspberry Vinagrette – This is an excellent meal to have for dinner. Simply take a bag of spinach, some diced almonds, and place a nice piece of cooked salmon on top with raspberry vinaigrette using extra virgin olive oil and raspberry vinegar. The salmon provides lean protein and brain powering Omega 3. The same is true for the almonds and the entire meal contains almost no carbohydrates.

Brown Rice, Stir Fried Vegetables and Balsamic Vinegar – This meal is so satisfying it is ridiculous and is a great after workout meal to feel healthy and to promote weight loss. Don't overdo it on the brown rice, while the rice is healthy thanks to the fiber boost, it does contain complex carbohydrates that can easily be overeaten and converted to fat by the body. Fry the vegetables in extra-virgin olive oil for the healthy boost of Omega 3. Place the vegetables on top of the brown rice and add some balsamic vinegar for a great taste.

Meals Not To Eat

Pasta In All Forms – If you want to lose weight, pasta needs to be cut out of your diet. The simple carbohydrates shock your body. You know that feeling of lazy-ness you get after eating a bowl of spaghetti? That's you body converting the simple sugars of pasta into fat. While it can be argued that if you eat small portions of pasta, you can attain weight loss, it doesn't take into account how unsatisfying a small portion of pasta is. It's just too easy to over eat on pasta and the effects of a pasta binge at a restaurant can undo your entire week of healthy eating.

Pizza – Hands up! Step away from the pizza. Another culprit in the high carbs world that simply is too difficult to stop eating once you start. The high carb content in pizza will make you gain weight. And because it rarely comes with any vegetables, the low fiber content makes this meal extra unsatisfying. You may be able stop at two slices, but chances are you'll head to the kitchen to have two more at midnight.

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HEALTH & FITNESS

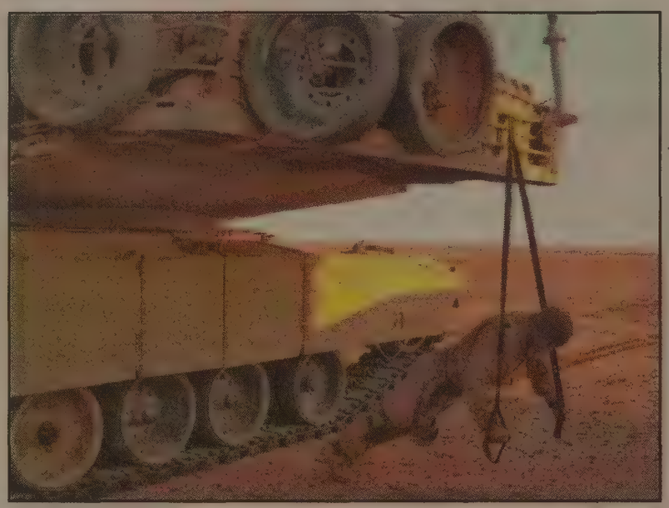
TRX. What Is It? Why is it Good? Where Can You Do It? Studio 89.

By David Lion Rattiner

So what the heck is this TRX thing that everybody keeps talking about?

Born in the U.S. by Navy SEALs, TRX suspension training is a revolutionary method of leveraged bodyweight exercise. Using equipment that weighs less than 2 pounds, a workout enthusiast can safely perform hundreds of exercises that build power, strength, flexibility, balance, mobility, and prevent injuries, all at the intensity you choose.

Everyone can benefit from suspension training, whether you are in peak physical condition or whether you are just starting out in the world of fitness. This is because the user can effortlessly control the resistance and level of difficulty by simply shifting the position of their body, making it a useful tool for gentle rehabilitation, hardcore athletic training, and everything in between. It also allows for complete ranges of motion while training, which allows for a more functional workout routine.



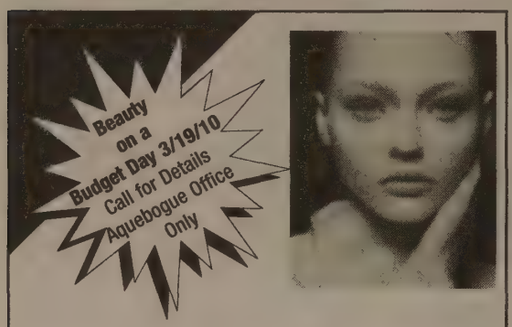
The big difference between using TRX bands and using traditional weights is that traditional weight training often only works one muscle at a time which is contradictory to the normal coordinated muscle effort used to complete most activities. Focusing on only one muscle at a time is more likely to lead to overuse injuries and muscular imbalances, as well as potentially limit strength and movement gains. TRX allows for the use of multiple planes of motion and works multiple muscles and joints simultaneously. You know how you feel when you head out skiing or surfing for the first time in a long time and find out muscles you didn't even know you had before? TRX finds those muscles too and activates them.

In the Hamptons, you can find many gyms that cater to people interested in giving TRX a try. Rich Decker is the owner of Studio 89, a new fitness club that gives you another gym option in the very health oriented Sag Harbor. The place is really nice inside, with 25-foot ceilings and a strong focus on suspension based equipment, instead of your standard Cybex machines.

A gym with no Cybex machines? Yep. Decker has decked his place out with all kinds of TRX suspension equipment, which makes it feel like you are in this old school Olympic Russian training facility. There are cardio machines there, but it's all about suspension training like Pilates and TRX.

The new gym is earning a real following and its reputation is growing throughout the East End thanks to the incredible workout that one can get and also the lean muscle mass that suspension training promotes, making it very attractive to those who are looking for lean and mean beach bods vs. Hulk Hoganish bods.

Studio 89 also offers private classes. They are located on 89 Clay Pit Road in Sag Harbor and can be reached by calling 631-899-4310.



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Great and Interesting Places To Get Fit in the Hamptons

By David Lion Rattiner

We are starting to enjoy some warmer weather making it easier to get outside and get the blood flowing. Besides running and cycling, there are other activities that can be done throughout the East End that are amazing exercises for you body. Here are our favorites.

Standup Paddle Boarding – For a complete, full body workout, get yourself a standup paddle board this summer. This activity may look peaceful and relaxing, but in actuality is an incredible workout. One might think that stand-up paddle boarding is only good for your arms and upper body, but think again. This activity works your abs, your thighs and your butt on a whole other level. The reason is because a lot of balance is required for the sport, so you must remain bent at the knees most of the time to not fall. This causes an amazing workout in your legs and butt. As you paddle, you'll find that your abs will naturally tighten as well to help you maintain your balance. The activity is also extremely meditating as it is very quiet, much like kayaking, only you are working your legs and your whole body to row your board. A standup paddle board can be bought at most surf shops on the East End.

The Jimmy Minardi Beach Workout – Somewhat of a secret, Veteran ocean lifeguard Jimmy Minardi has a reputation for being a beach nut. An accomplished cyclist and martial arts expert, Minardi offers a beach workout in the mornings at Main Beach that has developed a cult following. The workouts keep a deep focus on heart rate and sprint interval training that literally will have you feeling different on day one. Make no mistake about it, these workouts are hard, and those that consistently go get into shape real fast, making these workouts addictive. They are tolerable to all however, and the soothing fresh air of the beach and Jimmy's positive attitude and knowledge of the human body keeps you into it. Minardi Training can be reach at minarditraining.com and at 631-680-3000.

The Sag Harbor Rowing Club – This writer is a former Division I rower at Northeastern University and can confirm that the most in shape athletes he's ever met were Division I college rowers. Rowing is a full body work out that combines balance, focus, cardiovascular and strength exercise. The Sag Harbor Rowing Club is the only place east of Riverhead that it can be done in the Hamptons and they are looking for new members and rowing enthusiasts. If you are looking to get involved with a new sport with a great culture behind it, or if you are a seasoned oarsman, this is a great place to check out. Located at Cove Road in Sag Harbor, you can reach the Sag Harbor Rowing Club by calling 631-553-5223.

Mark Tuthill's Small Circle Jujitsu – Mark Tuthill can kick your ass, trust me, he can. His marital arts center in East Hampton has been teaching mixed martial arts, kick boxing and Jujitsu before the UFC went mainstream. His studio in East Hampton is nearing a renovation and offers Jujitsu training, kick boxing and other butt kicking programs that will give you confidence and get your body in shape fast. The center also provides training for kids. The temporary dojo location is at 2 Learned Hands Court in East Hampton and the on-going renovation is located at 37 Three Mile Harbor Road in East Hampton. He can be reached at 631-329-5982.

Hamptons Gym Corp Gyms – There is a reason why Alec Baldwin and many other celebrities goes to these gyms throughout the Hamptons. They are in top notch condition and they are loaded with every machine you need to enjoy your workouts. They can be reached by calling 1-866-96-BULLDOG.

The Firm Fitness – Located out in Speonk, this is another gym with an excellent reputation and equipment. It's a full service gym and also provide child care services that so you can workout while your children are in a safe environment. They can be reached by calling 631-325-9600.

Gurney's Inn – There really is no more beautiful of a place to exercise. With a large Olympic sized salt water indoor pool, a gym that overlooks the ocean and a variety of massage and health services, the trip out to Gurney's is worth it to hit their gym. The health spa and gym here is a gift to the Hamptons. Located out in Montauk they can be reached by calling 631-668-2345.

Core Dynamics – A very cool gym with a very cool staff. The gym is designed beautifully, with high ceilings, gorgeous locker rooms and a great location in Water Mill. They can be reached by calling 631-726-6049.

Planet Fitness – At 15 bucks a month, you can't beat this gym in Hampton Bays. With locations all over the country, Planet Fitness provides excellent equipment at very reasonable rates. They also have a location in Riverhead. 631-723-3174.

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Life Style

Shop 'til You Drop... With Maria Tennariello

When the weather breaks, everyone will be delighted and happy to get back into their annual spring-cleaning and outdoor planting. After all, springtime should be on our doorstep in a few weeks. In the meantime, let's do a little shopping!

There is a "Goodbuy Liquidation Sale" at **Renaissance Boutique**, 42 Main Street, Southampton. There are incredible markdowns on the menu so you can really scoop up some of the most unusual and eclectic merchandise out there at ridiculous prices. The famous Boudoir chandeliers are selling from $49 to $79, cashmere sweaters $99, Artisan jewels, fabulous shoes, and the famous "$50 Rack" at $45 and so much more. Karen is getting ready to say goodbye so the entire store is at rock bottom prices until about the first week of April.....Get going, say "goodbuy" before it snows again!

Renaissance Boutique

Pier One Imports on Montauk Highway in Southampton is offering triple points on every Reward Card purchase. While you're there, enjoy the "Caféé Sale" with up to 25% off on dinnerware, glassware, dining furniture, candles and home fragrance, wicker seating and cushions, wall déécor, upholstered seating, rugs, table linens and napkin rings. This sale should get you ready for entertaining this spring/summer season in style with the triple bonus. And walk on the wild side with the "Clearance Center" sales.

Spring is in the air at **T.J. Maxx** in the Bridgehampton Commons. T.J.'s most exclusive department. The 'Spring Runway' is overflowing with contemporary, Italian and couture fashion. The racks are full of high-end designers you love including premium denim, dresses, tops, shoes, handbags, jewelry, watches and more, more, more.....all up to 70% off. Go for it!

The **ARF Thrift & Treasure Shop**, located at 17 Montauk Highway in Sagaponack is having a "Winter Madness Sale" in order to make room for spring merchandise. You will find that all clothing, including coats, jackets, sweaters, shoes, bags and accessories are marked down to $5 or less during the entire month of March. The prices on furniture, glassware and decorative items have also been drastically reduced. Plus with every purchase, shoppers will receive a coupon for a free cup of coffee from Hampton Coffee Company in Water Mill and Westhampton Beach. The ARF Thrift Shop is open 7 days a week, Monday, through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call the shop manager, Maira Pessano at 631-537-3682. Keep in mind that all net proceeds from this shop help pay for food, shelter and veterinary care for the homeless cats and dogs at the **ARF Adoption Center**, 90 Daniels Hole Road in Wainscott – Call Jamie Berger, 631-537-0400 ext. 215 for more information.

Speaking of **Hampton Coffee Company**, stop in for the celebration of St. Patrick's Day the entire month of March with two specialty themed beverages: Leprechaun Latte and Irish Cream flavored coffee. Enjoy free samples of the Irish Crèème coffee every morning 'til lunchtime. Located at 194 Mill Road, Westhampton Beach, and 869 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. Open daily, every day, year round.

At the end of the day, there is nothing better than settling down, stopping for a great cup of coffee and an Asiago bagel at **Panera Bread**, located right in the Bridgehampton Commons. The menu is always changing and new dishes are being created constantly.....The staff there is so courteous and friendly. Hope I see you there!

Until next week. Ciao and happy winter shopping!

If you have any questions or your shop is having sales and or new inventory for the upcoming season, my readers want to hear about it. E-mail me at: I will be happy to get the word out.

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House/home

Err, A parent By Susan Galardi Respect for Life & Common Sense

Recent news brought to mind the Aesop fable, "The Lady and the Snake," which goes like this:

One cold night, a shivering snake appeared at a woman's window and begged her to let him in just long enough to get warm. "You're a poisonous snake and you'll bite me and I'll die," she said. The snake pleaded, promising not to bite her, so she finally gave in and opened the door. The snake promptly bit her. As she lay dying, she asked "Why did you bite me? You promised you wouldn't!" As he slithered away he looked back at her incredulously and said, "Lady, I'm a snake."

This fable came to mind as I read the accounts of the SeaWorld trainer who was drowned by a killer whale known as Tilly. A KILLER whale. The orca, which is actually a member of the dolphin family, grabbed the woman by the hair and dragged her from the shallow end to a much deeper part of the pool. The 40-year-old trainer died in minutes, from drowning and "multiple traumatic injuries."

What struck me about the account in *The New York Times* was how the animal was humanized. If one didn't know that it (or shall I say 'he') was a whale, Tilly would seem like a conniving serial killer who planned a cold-blooded spree. The story quotes a homicide detective, which implies there was a murder. Do animals murder? Or do they simply kill? The article read, "There were no signs of foul play on the part of anyone other than the whale." Any*one*? Don't we refer to animals as "any*things*?"

I thought I was reading too much into it, then I read on. Lawmen, biologists, trainers and journalists ascribed human attributes to this animal. A marine biologist from New York's Natural History Museum said these types of whales are too smart to

act purely out of impulse, adding that, "This was premeditated."

The writer of the article said, "Tilly has been hard to defend. His record is hardly clean." It told of an incident eight years ago in SeaWorld, when Tilly killed a homeless man who sneaked into his pool after hours. Nine years ago, Tilly and two female whales killed a trainer in a Canadian aquarium "before a crowd of spectators." Was he just an accomplice then? Did he "talk?" And the big question, why am I writing about this in a parenting column?

If an animal is capable this level of thought and strategy, if dolphins are the advanced mammals we know them to be, why do allow big businesses like SeaWorld to keep them in slavery, forcing them to do stupid pet tricks to the oohs and aahs of spectators who pay big bucks to watch the humiliation of these "show mammals." Could you imagine taking your child the spectacle in Canada where children saw Tilly kill a human being before their eyes? What could the parents have possibly said to them? What did the Romans say to their children as the lions tore apart Christians, in good fun?

As you might guess, I find the idea of animals used and abused for the sake of entertainment to be deplorable. While Ringling Brothers professes that their treatment of elephants is completely humane, animal rights groups have tape of young elephants being torn from their families, poked and prodded into submission. A bill created several years ago, effectively banning "wild or exotic animal displays," said "baby elephants born in circus breeding farms never even have the opportunity to know their mothers since they are moved into isolation after birth so that human trainers can immediately begin indoctrinating them. As a reward for their lifetimes of service as show animals, elephants often suffer from crippling injuries as a result of years in chains and being forced to perform physically unnatural and difficult tricks." New York City adheres to this ban, as does Southampton. I would urge any family to rethink supporting the businesses that profit so greatly from the abuse of living, thinking creatures.

Oh, and by the way, the article did revert to calling Tilly an animal. Apparently, he will not be "euthanized"—no death penalty for this murderer. But not for moral reasons. Tilly has sired 14 calves. "SeaWorld is a for-profit organization," said a marine biologist from Monterey. "That's a big money-making animal." So, murderer or not, "it" will most likely be spared.

No human yet has the answer as to why the killer whale attacked the trainer. But there's a way to find out. Just ask the snake.

Kid's Calendar

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

KIDS KNEAD CHALLAH –Challah bread-making, songs, Kiddush juice-making, and grand children's raffle. Free, no affiliation necessary. 5:30 p.m. Located at Chabad of Southampton, 214 Hill St. Phone: 631-287-2249.

MONTAUK PLAYHOUSE – Youth program for grades 9 through 12 at the Montauk Playhouse. 7 to 9 p.m., located at 240 Edgemere Street, Mtk. Phone: 631-668-1124.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

SOUTH FORK NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, A SHARK'S TALE! – Sharks, skates, and rays, all in the shark family, are fish that fascinate both children and adults. In this family program, learn the similarities and differences between the shark family and 'bony fish' as well as other interesting facts that make sharks unique. Children will put together their own shark or ray made from Play-Doh after learning about their body shapes and the behaviors that help them survive in the ocean. Recommended for children 4 years of age and older. There will be a $3 materials fee for this workshop. 10 a.m. Bridgehampton. For more information call 631-537-9735.

KIDS KARAOKE – 5 to 7 p.m., Regulars Music Caféé. Located at 1271 North Sea Road in Southampton. For more info., call 631-287-2900.

FUN WITH PUPPETS AND RHYMES – have fun with the Dreamlike Puppet Company. Doors open at 1:30 p.m., show begins at 2 p.m. Food and fun. $5 per child. 110 Stephen Hands Path, East Hampton. 631-324-0207.

ART AT THE GOLDEN EAGLE – Romare Beardon collage workshop. 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. $20. Located at 14 Gingerbread Lane in East Hampton. For more information call 631-324-0603.

GOAT ON A BOAT – A story about the rainforest, their animals and their home. Show at 11 a.m. or 3 p.m. at the Goat on a Boat Theater in Sag Harbor. Call Liz Joyce at 631-725-4193.

LIL COWPOKES PONY CLUB – Learn about animals and how to ride a pony. Taking place from 10 a.m. to noon for ages 3 and up at Amaryllis Farm Equine Rescue, located at 93 Merchants Path in Southampton. Phone: 631-537-7335.

MONTAUK PLAYHOUSE – Skills and drills basketball. Taking place from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. for children grades K-1; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children grades 2-3. Youth sports night will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for kids grades 3 and 4; and 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. for kids grades 5 to 8. Located at 240 Edgemere St. in Montauk. Phone: 631-668-1124.

MOVIE NIGHT AT THE ROSS SCHOOL – Ages 6 to 13, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Pizza, popcorn and refreshments served. $25 per child. 18 Goodfriend Drive, East Hampton. 631-907-5162.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE HAYGROUND SCHOOL – For prospective students and parents. Q and A with teachers and administrators. 10 a.m. 151 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton. 631-537-7068.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

PETTING FARM AT AMARYLLIS SANCTUARY –Love animals? Especially rescued ones? Visit Octaveous and Sir Lancelot, the potbelly piggies; Binky the mini burro, and others! From 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 93 Merchants Path, off Sagg Road in Sagaponack. Entrance fee is $5. For more info., call 631-537-7335.

MONDAY, MARCH 8

AFTER SCHOOL TODDLER PROGRAMS –Sponsored by The Parrish Art Museum. Registration required: call 631-283-2118, ext. 30 to register. Located at 25 Jobs Lane in Southampton.

ONGOING

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GOAT ON A BOAT – Puppet shows and programs for young children. Located on Route 114 and East Union St. in Sag Harbor. For more info., call 631-725-4193 or visit goatonaboat.org.

SOUTH FORK NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM (SOFO) – Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 7 days a week, year-round. A walk through the museum is like taking a nature hike. Museum provides "field guide" for exhibits. Located at 377 Bridge/Sag Turnpike in Bridgehampton. For more info., call 631-537-9735.

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Sponsored by the Town of Southampton Youth Bureau to give kids a voice in town government. This is a great way for kids to learn about politics. For more info., call 631-702-2425.

ART AT THE GOLDEN EAGLE – Located at 14 Gingerbread Lane in East Hampton. For more info., call 631-324-0603.

For totally complete, up-to-the-minute listings, go to dan[illegible]hamptons.com [illegible] on: *Calendar*

Food/Dining

Simple Art of Cooking Silvia Lehrer

We know the joys of a leek and potato soup and the delicious flavor leeks add to stocks, soups and stews, but leeks can also be poached, steamed, sauteed and grilled. This versatile and ancient vegetable is one of my favorites and yet despite its long history it's not frequently used. Perhaps the cause is the particles of sand and dirt often imbedded in the tight leafy layers. The technique of cleaning leek is worth getting to know. Once you become familiar with the process the procedure becomes routine.

With the exception of the root and the tough outer green layers at the top, most of the leek can be used for cooking. Hold a sharp chef's knife where the white part of the leek ends and the dark green begins, shave layers of the dark green gradually moving to the top of the leek exposing lighter yellow layers underneath – this is fine to use. The dark green leaves can be saved as an aromatic when making stock. Hold the leek at the root end and insert your knife through the white base then cut through to the opposite end. Give the leeks a half turn and repeat. Hold the leek under cold running water to rinse away any particles between the leaves. To further insure your leeks are clean soak them in a bowl of cold water for 10 to 15 minutes then squeeze dry with a clean kitchen towel. You are now open to a multitude of recipes using this much underused vegetable with great flavor.

Loving Leek This Week

LEEK WITH WHITE WINE AND HERBS

Leek is a delicious vegetable in its own right!
Yield: 4 servings

3 large leeks well washed
Kosher salt to taste
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
Freshly ground pepper
1 tablespoon mixed thyme and parsley
1/2 cup dry white wine

1. Clean leeks as described above then cut them into 2-inch lengths, discarding the root end.

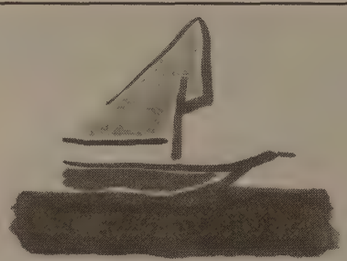
2. Bring a large saucepan of water to the boil and add salt. Add the leeks and cook at a brisk simmer for 6 to 8 minutes until barely tender. Drain and pat dry with paper towel.

3. Melt butter in a 10-12-inch skillet and add the leeks. Saute for a minute or two over medium heat to color slightly, season with salt, pepper and herbs; stir to mix and add the wine. Cook over medium-low heat until the wine is reduced by half. By this time the leeks should be thoroughly cooked. Transfer leek to a warm platter; add 1/2 cup water and stir to deglaze pan drippings. Simmer until the liquid is light syrup, a minute or so. Pour over leeks and serve.

LEEK, ONION AND POTATO SOUP

Leek and potato soup is a simple classic; the onion adds a depth of flavor. It smells good, tastes good and is easy to prepare. For family serving I prefer to keep the soup chunky. However you can puree it for a touch of sophistication.
Yield: 6 to 8 servings

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
1 medium onion, finely chopped
3 to 4 leeks well washed and thinly sliced, about 4



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cups

Kosher salt

1 1/2 pounds Yukon Gold or chefs potatoes, peeled and cut into small dice

2 quarts chicken stock (preferably homemade) or low-sodium broth

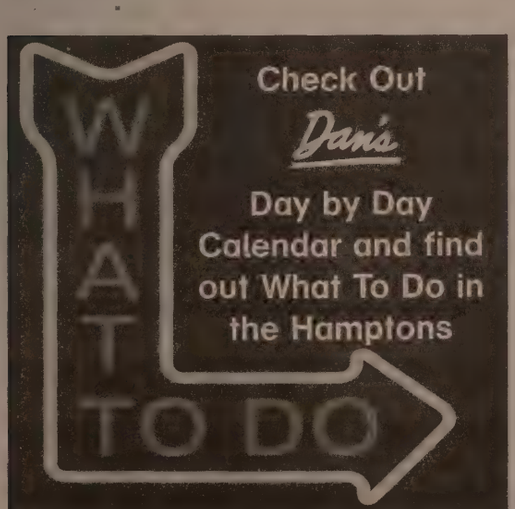
Freshly ground pepper

1 tablespoon heavy cream (optional)

Red pepper dice, snipped chives or chopped parsley garnish

1. Heat the oil with the butter in a quart saucepan and when butter foam subsides put in the leek, add salt to taste and stir to mix. Place a square of wax paper over the leek, cover pot and sweat vegetable for 6 to 7 minutes. Uncover, discard wax paper and stir potatoes into the leek. Add chicken stock or broth (homemade chicken stock is usually made without salt. Be judicious with salt if using store bought broth). Bring liquid to a boil and simmer over medium-low heat for 30 to 35 minutes.

2. Puree the soup with a food mill or in a blender. Return the mixture to a rinsed out saucepan and bring to the edge of a boil. Add cream if desired and stir to mix. Taste to adjust seasoning if necessary. Soup can be prepared up to 2 days ahead and refrigerated in a suitable container. Reheat the soup before serving. Pour into a warm tureen or soup bowls, garnish with red pepper, chives or parsley and serve at once.



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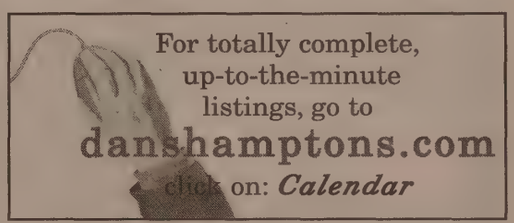
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Arts & Entertainment

Art Commentary
by Marion Wolberg Weiss

The Art Scene: Florida

While Florida is known for glorious sunshine and tropical weather, those conditions didn't exist this winter. It is grey and cold a lot of the time. What is consistent, however, is the art: bright and hot, like the climate should be.

There are other distinctive qualities that define local art in Florida, distinguishing it greatly from our own East End aesthetics. It is mostly colorful, bold and decorative – formal traits that might be frowned upon here in the Hamptons. Yet the emphasis on texture, materials, layering and collage gives a vitality to the work that's energizing and often arresting.

Lo and behold, East Ender sculptor Linda Stein is currently in a group show at Longstreth-Golberg Art in Naples, a large space that's as big and bold as its art. The venue is impressive for many reasons, but mainly because it makes a salient statement in its industrial location far from Naples' affluent Fifth Avenue. (It's like the difference between Manhattan's Madison Avenue and Chelsea.)

Work by Linda Stein

Even so, gallery director Peg Longstreth-Goldberg has selected diverse pieces that are subtle and substantial in their own way. Good examples are Stein's familiar torsos of knights, particularly well known in New York. They not only represent the material aspect of Florida art, but also signify the artist's signature work. Especially outstanding is one that's a collage, framed in a glass case. The paper scraps celebrate the art of calligraphy, perhaps derived from Stein's own collection. And while the sculpture possesses Stein's recurring idea of strength and majesty, it is delicate and vulnerable as well. Could the work also introduce another focus concerning medieval knights: the concept of intellect (writing)?

Texture and technique are also predominant in the exhibit, namely the hand-blown glass flowers by Beverly Albrets, Richard Currier's abstract landscape, "Passage," recalling Hampton artist Cynthia Knox, and Mark Chatterley's impressive glazed ceramics.

Hand-blown glass is not only a popular material in Florida art, but the subject of the current show at the Naples Museum of Art; while Dale Chihuly's glass is a familiar sight to those who frequent East Hampton's LongHouse Reserve, there are pieces at the Museum which are simply astounding, including his characteristic ebb and flow of liquid in "Black Ebony with Lime Stripes." However, his most outstanding work is an installation of glass flowers installed on the ceiling, its reflective light gracing the walls. It is truly mesmerizing.

There are other local artists who warrant recognition, including Richard Rosen whose work won "Best in Show" last year at the Naples National Art Festival. His figurative sculptures, particularly, are distinctive, with separate personalities. Such personalities remind us of Montauk's Diane Mayo whose ceramics often feature life-like animals. Rosen's geometric shapes are also intriguing, seen in other pieces; they are also indicative of color and texture apparent in Florida art.

Shirley Dunkle, who shares space in a studio complex, is one of the few artists who uses technique to mirror natural forms; her abstract pieces in earth colors recall primitive landscapes; conversely, Dunkle's transfer pieces derived from magazine images are contemporary and colorful, yet still muted.

While most of the art we saw didn't come from nature sources, there's plenty of nature, per se, where "art" can be found. One is at the Naples Zoo. Watching

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How did you find your Summer rental... I don't know where to begin??
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Honoring the Artist: Nicky Gioia Mitchell

A visit with this week's cover artist, Nicky Gioia Mitchell, however brief, was a real pleasure. Set off from the road in Water Mill, Mitchell's residence is welcoming, or especially at night, where lights beam brightly. The interior, where earth tones and an "old-fashioned" feeling predominate, is just as welcoming.

Mitchell is similarly warm and outgoing, someone who feels at home with herself and her environment. Yet she exudes a subtle, special worldliness and humor. She's the type of person that we want to spend more time with.

Mitchell's paintings mirror her demeanor – we'd also like to spend more time with them. By knowing her work, we can know her as well.

Regarding her paintings, we are first struck by the interaction between the figures and boats with the landscape. Whether the subjects are static or in action, viewers feel "at home" in the setting. While the works usually represent a panoramic view, we can experience the wind on the bay and the sun on our face. Simply put, we are there, in the painting.

In Mitchell's beach scenes, where she documents what she sees, hears and touches, we also feel she is there. It's as if she is making a visual diary of her experiences. Such experiences come in many versions. Consider such works as "Gathering Clouds," "After the Storm," and "High Tides." These images record climate and geographic changes. "September," "Sunday," and "The Inlet" convey time and place.

Finally, there are the scenes that take her away from Water Mill where she has lived for over two decades: images of Italy and Montreal. These early works (circa late '50s to early '70s), which feature mostly village life and the countryside, are more realistic than Mitchell's recent ones, yet they still possess a subtle impressionistic style. Mitchell uses more earth tones here and her composition features more juxtaposition of lines. Like her recent pieces, there is an intense "You are there" feeling.

It's curious at times to see how an art critic's perceptions will disagree with an artist's own ideas. For example, when asked if her style had changed over the years, Mitchell says, "No. I don't think so. I paint the beauty the way I see it and want to see it."

Other times, Mitchell agrees, noting that "My two favorite subjects are mainly beaches, where I can feel an almost palpable serenity, while the other is poetic, rural countryside surrounded by fields."

Mitchell is particularly descriptive when explaining what she'd like to create, responding that she would like to paint the sky, especially the "cloud formations that at times are in soft colors like mother-of-pearl and other times dramatic."

But how about paintings Mitchell has never done and wishes she could do? "I regret not to have painted more subjects in the dreamy land of the south of France," she said. "I am still inspired by the French Impressionists, their skies, their colors. In Italy, the ones I have always admired are the famous 'Macchiaioli Fiorentini.' They painted the Tuscan countryside and Maremma in the 1800s, an era I cherish."

It's hard to see how anyone like Mitchell would not also cherish her life and work here. However, like everyone else, she has a few "pet peeves"—the useless noises, her beloved dog's barking, finding herself behind a car that drives badly and slowly.

There's "nothing worse for an impatient Italian."

–Marion Wolberg Weiss

Art Openings & Galleries

OPENINGS AND EVENTS

TWO VERDI MASTERPIECES – 3/6 - Analysis and comparison of "La Traviata" and "Othello" at 3 p.m. Two part lecture at the Southampton Cultural Center, 25 Pond Lane, Southampton. Reservations: or 631-287-4377.

JURIED ART SHOW – Deadline 3/5 All artist are welcome. No theme paintings, drawings and photography. Size limit 24 x 24 ready to hang work only. $20 per entry, up to 3 submissions. Work judged by professional artist. Reception will be March 7. Call Frank Latorre, Art and Soul Gallery, 495-A Montauk Hwy, Eastport, 631-325-1504.

RETREAT'S JURIED ART SHOW DEADLINE – 3/12 - Show benefits the Retreat's Domestic Violence Services and is open to all artists: Photography, Painting, 2D, 3D and Sculpture, NO video art. The work cannot be larger than 24' x 36'. Entry fee is $50 per entry, limit 3 entries. For entry rules and form visit www.hamptonsjuriedartshow.com. The top 25 entries will be in a group show at the Richard J. Demato Fine Arts Gallery opening on May 1, 2010.

OPENING RECEPTION - 3/6 –Photography of Tom Steele, "Afield in the Hamptons," and paintings of Tom Wasik. Reception 5-8 p.m. Sylvester & Co. at Home, 154 Main Street, Amagansett.

OPENING RECEPTION – 3/6 – Quogue Library, for Linda J. Nemeth. Landscapes, conceptual abstract and sculpture. E-mail jlescio@yahoo.com.

OPENING RECEPTION – 3/6 – Crazy Monkey Gallery for Beth Barry and Sara Petittt. Group show by Len Bernard, June Kaplan, Luc Leboleis, Mark Zimmerman and guest artist Peggy English. 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. 136 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3627.

BODY OF WORKS – 3/6 – Local artists featured at Ashawagh Hall in Springs. 780 Springs Fireplace Road, East Hampton. Opening reception from 5 to 8 p.m.

GALLERIES

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the male lion and leopards in their natural habitat is like viewing sculpture, so quiet and pristine are the animals.

In Sanibel Island, a boat trip to Tarpan Bay features pelicans perched among mangrove trees; they are also so still that they resemble sculptures. Nature in the "wild," is an experience that is truly aesthetic.

So, too, are the shell beaches in Sanibel. Although the beaches aren't as "clean" as ours in the Hamptons, the shells are unusual. They are also big, bold and decorative, just like the art in Florida.

Call 239-514-2773 for information about the exhibit at Naples' Longstreth-Goldberg Art, or see images on plgart.com

ANN MADONIA PAINTING GALLERY & FINE ANTIQUES – 36 Jobs Lane, Southampton. Daily 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 631-283-1878.

ANNYX – 150 Main St., Sag Harbor. 631-725-9064.

ART & SOUL GALLERY – 495 Montauk Highway, Eastport. 631-325-1504. Artsoulgallery.com.

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BIRNHAM WOOD GALLERIES – Open daily 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. 52 Park Pl., East Hampton. 631-324-6010. Birnhamwoodart.com.

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MICHAEL PEREZ POP ART GALLERY – Featuring original works by artist/gallery owner Michael Perez. 59 Main St., Southampton. 631-259-2424. Michaelperez-artist.com.

MOSQUITO HAWK GALLERY – 24 N Ferry Rd., Shelter Island. 631-905-4998.

PARASKEVAS GALLERY – Showing Michael Paraskevas' work and children's book illustrations from *Maggie and the Ferocious Beast* and other books published with his mother, Betty. Open by appointment. 83 Main St., Westhampton Beach. 631-287-1665.

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RATIO GALLERY-MIHstudio – 10 Bell St., Bellport. 631-286-4020. Ratiogallery.com.

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SIRENS' SONG GALLERY – Fri.-Mon. 12:30 to 6 p.m. 516 Main Street, Greenport. sirensongallery.com. 631-477-1021.

SURFACE LIBRARY – New works created "in-situ" (on-site) by resident atelier artists, potter Bob Bachler and painter James Kennedy. 845 Springs Fireplace Rd., East Hampton. Thurs – Sun. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 631-291-9061.

SYLVESTER & CO. – "Best of 2009" art show that will continue until March 3, 2010. Viewing is open to the public. The art featured is by many local, international and NCY artists including Eric Buechel, Perry Burns, Elizabeth Dow, David Geiser, James Kennedy, Doug Kuntz, Dennis Lawrence, Jim Napierala, Matthew Satz, Lynda Sylvester, Bijou LeTord and Gavin Zeigler. 154 Main St., Amagansett. Tim@sylvesterathome.com. 631-267-9777.

TERRENCE JOYCE GALLERY – 114 Main St., Greenport. 631-477-0700.

TULLA BOOTH GALLERY – Gallery Gems Photography Exhibit, December 11 thru January 30. Artists by Daniel Jones, Burt Glinn, Karine Laval, Christine Matthai, Susan Pear Meisel, Blair Seagram. 66 Main St., Sag Harbor. Thurs.-Mon. 12:30-7 p.m. 631-725-3100. Tullaboothgallery.com.

THE WINTER TREE GALLERY - Extended show Cuca Romley "40 Years in America" through February 28, Also showing: Eric Dever, Barbara Hadden, Jean Holabird, Bruce McCombs, William Negron, Fernando Vignoli. Gallery hours: Daily 12-6 p.m. (closed Tuesday) 125 Main St. Sag Harbor Tel: 631-725-0097.

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HAMPTON ARTS (+)
Ghost Writer (PG13) – Fri., 5:15, 8, Sat, Sun, 2:45, 5:15, 8, Mon-Thurs, 7
Shutter Island (R) – Fri., 5:30, 8:30, Sat, 3, 5:45, 8:30, Mon-Thurs., 7

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The Ghost Writer (PG13) – Mon, Tue, 3:50, 7:15, Wed, Thurs, Fri., 3:50, 7:15, 10:15, Sat, 1, 3:50, 7:15, 10:15, Sun., 1, 3:50, 7:15
Alice In Wonderland (PG) – Mon, Tue, 4:20, 7, Wed, Thurs, Fri., 4:20, 7, 9:40, Sat., 1:40, 4:20, 7, 9:40 Sun., 1:40, 4:20, 7
Shutter Island (R) – Mon, Tue, 3:30, 6:30, Wed, Thurs, Fri., 3:30, 6:30, 9:50 Sat., 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:50 Sun., 12:30, 3:30, 6:30
The Blind Side (PG) – Mon., Tues, 3:40, 6:50 Wed, Thurs, Fri., 3:40, 6:50, 10 Sat., 12:45, 3:40, 6:50, 10, Sun., 12:45, 3:40, 6:50
The Last Station (R) – Mon., Tues, 4:30, 7:40 Wed, Thurs, Fri., 4:30, 7:40, 10:25, Sat., 1:45, 4:30, 7:40, 10:25 Sun., 1:45, 4:30, 7:40
Crazy Heart (R) – Mon., Tues, 4:10, 7:20, Wed, Thurs., Fri., 4:10, 7:20, 10:10 Sat., 1:30, 4:10, 7:20, 10:10 Sun., 1:30, 4:10, 7:20

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Alice in Wonderland (R) – Fri, 4:20, 7, 10 Sat, Sun 1:20, 4:20, 7, 10 Mon-Thur, 4:20, 7
Cop Out (R) – Fri, 4:30, 7:40, 10:10 Sat, Sun 1:30, 4:30, 7:40, 10:10 Mon-Thur, 4:30, 7:40
The Crazies (R) – Fri, 4, 7, 9:50 Sat, Sun 1, 4, 7, 9:50 Mon-Thur, 4, 7
Percy Jackson and the Olympians (PG) – Fri, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50 Sat, Sun 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50 Mon-Thur, 4:10, 7:10
Avatar (PG13) – Fri, 3:40, 7:30 Sat, Sun 12:45, 3:40, 7:30 Mon-Thur, 3:40, 7:30

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Alice in Wonderland (PG) – Fri, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10, Sat, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10, Sun, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, Mon-Thur, 4:30, 7:30
Dear John (PG13) – Fri, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30, Sat, 1:20, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30, Sun, 1:20, 4:20, 6:50, Mon-Thur, 4:20, 6:50
Shutter Island (R) – Fri, 4, 7, 10, Sat, 1, 4, 7, 10, Sun, 1, 4, 7, Mon-Thur, 4, 7

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The Montauk Movie (+)
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My Fair Lady – March 6, 8 p.m.

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North Fork

Over The Barrel... with Lenn Thompson

My Favorite Thing to Do in Wine Country

Even with a three year old and without the built-in babysitting of local family, my wife Nena and I still enjoy wine country — just a lot differently. Back before Jackson changed our lives forever — in good ways of course — we would spend at least one day every weekend tasting on the North Fork or in the Hamptons. Back in those days, we'd visit 4 or 5 wineries in a day, have dinner on the East End and then head home for more wine.

Now, we usually top out at 2 wineries — if we're lucky. We have to work around a toddler's nap schedule after all.

So when we obtained an overnight sitter (for a mere half case of wine compensation by the way), what did Long Island wine country enthusiasts do when given a day to themselves?

First, we booked a night at Shinn Farmhouse (shinnfarmhouse.com), a bed and breakfast operated by Shinn Estate Vineyards owners David Page and Barbara Shinn. A beautiful room overlooking the sleeping winter vineyard was a must for this one-night getaway.

Accommodations secured, I was then able to score a table for two at North Fork Table (northforktableandinn.com), where chefs Gerry Hayden and Claudia Fleming are, quite simply, putting out the best food on Long Island — not just the North Fork. Our meal was artfully presented, absolutely delicious and extremely well paced. The service alone was worth the splurge. If you haven't eaten at North Fork Table, come up with a reason to celebrate and go. Seriously. It might be a bit harder now though — Chef Hayden was just named a James Beard semi-finalist for the Northeast.

Dinner was the nightcap on and outstanding day of course. We started our late morning with a somewhat forgettable visit to Pellegrini Vineyards — forgettable because the person behind the tasting bar just wasn't that welcoming or cordial. Still the 2005 merlot stood out anyway, along with the 2005 cabernet franc.

Next up was Raphael where two wines stole the show for us. The 2008 Naturale Red, which will be released soon, is a red made with more traditional methods. Earthy and intensely Old World in style, it delivers classic Long Island terroir all in a neat little package. It should retail for around $20 and is well worth it. For Nena, the 2006 Port — made entirely of merlot — surprised and impressed with its depth of flavor and smoothness. Port, which is fortified with spirits, can be harsh on the palate, but not this one. Very nicely done.

Then we were off to Peconic Bay Winery where we the tasting menu offered a special treat from the library — winemaker Greg Gove's 2005 merlot. It's amazing what just a couple extra years of bottle age can do for local wines that are often released well before peaking. Run, don't walk, over there and taste this while it's back.

Roanoke Vineyards was our next stop for a taste of the newly released 2006 Blend One and 2006 Blend Two. Of the two, I prefer Blend One at this stage in their development — it was offering more aromatic complexity and was more upfront on the palate as well.

Almost from its opening last year, Sparkling Pointe has been one of Nena's favorite tasting rooms so we ended our jaunt there. It's hard for me to pick a favorite sparkler there because they are all so well done. But, if forced to choose, I think the 2005 Topaz Imperial would be the one.

Prior to checking in at Shinn, we tasted several current releases in the tasting room, including the just-released 2009 Coalescence ($14) which features some Finger Lakes-grown riesling in this incarnation. For $14, there may not be a more refreshing-but-not-simple white wine on Long Island. It won't last the summer. Get some now.

And, I'd be remiss if I didn't mention one of my favorite local wines right now — Shinn Estate Vineyards 2007 Cabernet Franc ($39). No, it's not priced for every day drinking, but it's not overpriced either.

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North Fork Events

North Fork

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

MOVIE AT THE LIBRARY - *The Great Debaters* (PG-13), 1:30 p.m. at Mattituck-Laurel Library in Mattituck. Based on the true story of a politically radical coach who transforms underdog African American college students into a powerhouse debate team. Admission is free. Call 631-298-4134 for more info.

WAR DISCUSSION - *Why Are We In Afghanistan?* film showing, talk, Q & A with Michael Zweig, 7 p.m. at the Floyd Memorial Library in Greenport. Written and directed by Mr. Zweig; illustrated by Mike Konopacki.

GREASE - Greenport High School Drama Club presents 'Grease,' Friday through Saturday, March 5-6 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, March 7, at 2 p.m. in high school auditorium. Purchase tickets at the door: $8 for adults ; and $5 for students and seniors. Directed by Amie Sponza, produced by Wade Karlin, musically directed by Karen Haley. The cast consists of 32 students grades 7-12. Call 631-477-1950.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

OPENING RECEPTION - Opening reception for 'Mostly Watercolors' by Patricia Ruiz, 3 p.m. at Floyd Memorial Library in Greenport. On view through April 17. All are welcome. Call 631-477-0660 for more info.

COMEDY NIGHT - 'A Comedy Explosion,' 10:30 p.m. at Vail-Leavitt Music Hall in Riverhead. Doors open at 9:30 p.m. Hosted by Rip Micheals, featuring T.K. Kirkland, Frantz Casseus, Jason Andors and Face Man. Purchase tickets in advance: $40 for couples and $25 for singles. Beer/wine specials and a "meet-and-greet" after-party. Call 631-208-9535, 516-881-0031, or 347-408-7842 for info.

JAZZ ON THE VINE - Jazz On The Vine 2010, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m, at Raphael Vineyards, located at 39390 Main Road, Route 25 in North Fork. Raphael will be hosting four jazz performances in the tasting room. The Lauren Kinhan Quintet will perform. This is a Steinway Series Act sponsored by Steinway & Sons. Call 631-765-1100, ext. 101 or e-mail Melissa@raphaelwine.com. www.raphaelwine.com.

CANDLELIGHT BALL - Peconic Bay Medical Center Candlelight Ball, 6:30 p.m. at Inn at Eastwind, located at 5720 Route 25a in Wading River. An evening with John and Elaine Kanas, along with this year's Community Honorees: Dr. Steven Perlmutter, Physician of the Year; Dr. George Ruggiero, Rising Star; and Dr. Devendra Singh, winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award. Call 631-548-6080 or e-mail info@pbmedicalcenter.org for more info.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

CASINO FUN FOR A GOOD CAUSE - San Simeon by the Sound's annual fundraiser trip to casinos, leaves Orient Point on Cross Sound Ferry at 10 a.m. Tickets, $25 each, includes Sea Jet and round-trip bus transport ; participants have choice of Foxwoods or Mohegan Sun. Tickets include casino "bonus package," coupons for Keno games and lunch. Return by 5 p.m. or 7 p.m. on Sea Jet. Call 631-477-2110.

LIVE MUSIC, THE NO DOUBT WORLD FAMOUS BAND - The No Doubt World Famous Monday Night Band presents winter concert at 2 p.m. in the Howard Hovey Memorial Auditorium at the Pulaski Street School in Riverhead. Works by Leonard Bernstein, Tchaikovsky, John Sousa, Richard Rogers, John Williams and others. Admission is free. Call 631-727-6538 for more info.

GREASE - Greenport High School Drama Club presents *Grease* on March 5 and 6, 8 p.m.; and on Sun. March 7, 2 p.m., in high school auditorium. Tickets on sale at the door; $8 for adults; and $5 for students/seniors. Directed by Amie Sponza, produced by Wade Karlin, musical director Karen Haley. 32-student cast grades 7-12. Call 631-477-1950.

LIVE CONCERT AT THE LIBRARY - New England Winds concert - a U.S. Air Force "Band of Liberty," 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Mattituck-Laurel Library in Mattituck. Repertoire spans 18th century to contemporary styles. Admission is free. All are welcome. Call 631-298-4134 for more info.

HIKE IN MARITIME PRESERVE - 9-11 a.m. for ages 9 and over, offered by Southold Town Recreation Department; meet at the Dam Pond Maritime Preserve parking lot in East Marion. Instructor Barbara Terranova leads 1-3 miles, partially hilly terrain. Bring cameras and binoculars, pack snack or lunch, dress for weather. Fee is $6. Children must be with adult. Call 631-765-5182 to register. 6-12 participants per walk. Monthly hike, Tuesday, March 16, 9-11 a.m. for ages 9 and over, offered by Southold Town Recreation Department; meet at Mill Road Preserve in Mattituck.

ONGOING EVENTS

SOUP KITCHEN - Community supper, free soup kitchen for those in need, 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church parish hall, located on Sixth Street in Greenport. For more info., call 631-765-2981.

WEIGHT LOSS - The second Tuesday of every month, Dr. Russ L'HommeDieu, a physical therapist, holds a free weight management lecture and discussion session for people battling weight loss problems. The discussion is moderated by Dr. Russ, who has himself upheld a 200-pound weight loss. Space is limited. For more info., contact New Life in Progress at 888-446-7764.

HEALTHY COOKING MADE QUICK & EASY - The second Friday of every month, a Quick and Easy Healthy Cooking demonstration is being offered. The demo will be performed by Dr. Russ L'HommeDieu, DPT; a certified Wellness Coach who has himself maintained a 200-pound weight loss for the last four years. This would be a great place to gain insight on how to cook and eat healthier. Dr. Russ will be offering some GREAT ideas on how to cook healthy food for the whole week when you're pressed for time. He will also be discussing the health benefits of including whole grains in your diet. If you eat, you don't want to miss this! Space is limited. Reservations are required. There is a small materials fee. Call 888-446-7764 right away to reserve your spot!

REIKI CIRCLES - Reiki Circles Monday Nights at the Grace Episcopal Church on the last Monday of every month. Meetings are held at the Peconic Bay Medical Center. For more info., contact Ellen J. McCabe at (631) 727-2072.

SKATEBOARDING - Great skate park in Greenport offering ramps and a half pipe. For hours and other info., call 631-477-2385.

INDIAN MUSEUM - In Southold, open 1:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. on Sundays. For more info., call 631-765-5577.

CUSTER OBSERVATORY - Weather permitting, Custer staff will be on site to assist visitors in observing the night sky and in using their telescopes. Open from sunset until midnight in Southold. For more info., call 631-765-2626.

MEDITATION - Buddhist meditations, 7 p.m. on Monday evenings at the First Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Southold. For more info., call 631-949-1377.

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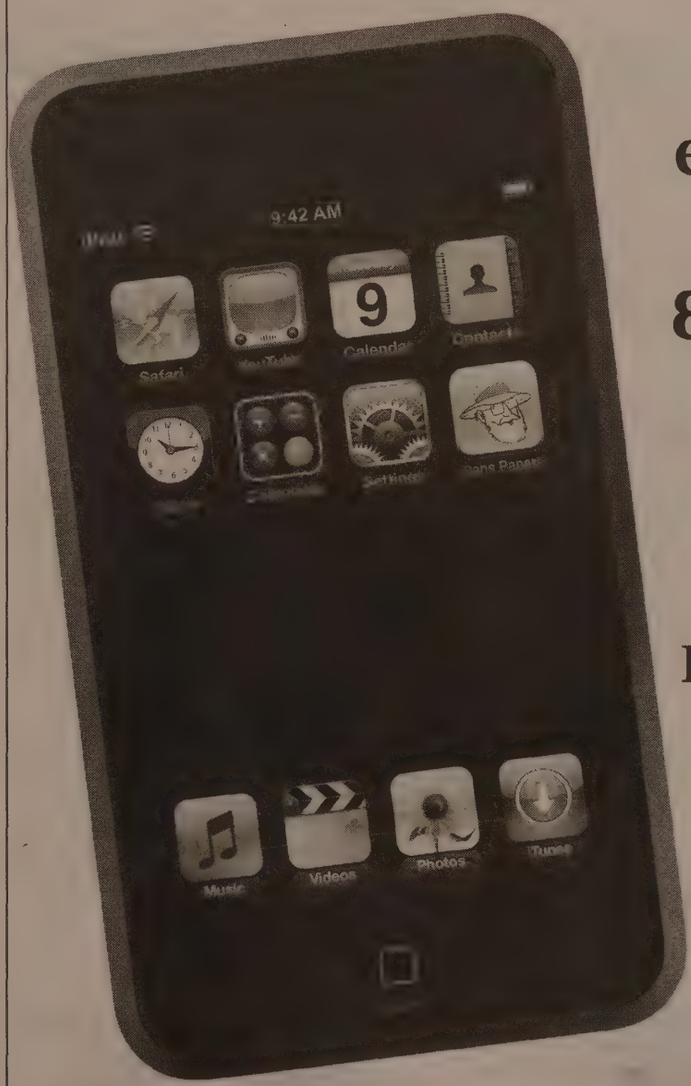

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Day By Day

Dan's COMING UP

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FRIDAY, MARCH 5

CANDLELIGHT FRIDAYS AT WOLFFER, REUBEN BUTCHART – 5 to 8:00 p.m. See story, on this 139 Sagg Road, Sagaponack. Contact Judy Malone at 631-537-5106.

THE PICTURE SHOW – "West Side Story" on the big screen for $5. 1 Long Wharf. Sag Harbor. 631-725-9500.

DJ KARO – at Blue Sky Restaurant in Sag Harbor. No cover. Everyone is welcome! 9:30 p.m. 631-725-1810.

JAZZ FRIDAY - Live jazz at Phao Thai Kitchen in Sag Harbor. 29 Mian Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0101.

WINTER DINNER WITH SOUTHAMPTON TRAILS PRES. SOCIETY- Join your friends in Sag Harbor for the dinner & raffle. 6:30 p.m., Blue Sky Lounge, Sag Harbor. 631-283-2638.

MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL - The Sag Harbor Elementary School PTA welcomes you to explore and celebrate its diversity. 6 to 8 p.m. 68 Hampton Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-6232.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

WINTER FARMERS MARKET - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Main Street across from the Beach Bakery in Westhampton Beach. Variety of produce available.

EAST HAMPTON HEALTH SYMPOSIUM - Free health screenings, and doctors speak at the East Hampton Village Emerency Services building on 1 Cedar Street from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. 631-324-8943.

CULINARY DEMO -12-2 p.m. Loaves & Fishes Cookshop, 2422 Mtk Hwy, Bridgehampton. 631-537-6066.

LAUREL VALLEY HIKE - Meet at the kiosk on Deerfield Road across from Deerwood Path. 4 miles, some hills. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. 631-283-2638.

DJ MATT COSS – at Blue Sky Restaurant in Sag Harbor. No Cover, special guests and interesting performers. Everyone is welcome! 9:30 p.m. 631-725-1810.

JIM MACWHINNIE BENEFIT - From 2 to 4 p.m. head down to B East RealRyder Fitness Studio in Amagansett to ride on stationary bikes for injured local Jim MacWhinnie. Suggested donation of $30. 199 Main Street, Amagansett. 516-317-1593.

THE PICTURE SHOW AT BAY STREET, SPECIAL DANCE NIGHT - "My Fair Lady" on the big screen for $5. 1 Long Wharf. Sag Harbor. 631-725-9500.

TWO VERDI MASTERPIECES: ANALYSIS AND COMPARISON OF LA TRAVIATA AND OTHELLO - At 3 p.m. Two part lecture at the Southampton Cultural Center, 25 Pond Lane, Southampton. Reservations: or 631-287-4377.

SOUTHAMPTON WOMEN WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE RECEPTION - Join the Southampton Historical Museum in celebrating Women's History month this xhibition. Curated by Gaynell Stone and designed by Jeff Thayer, the exhibit celebrates women of distinction from Southampton's many rich cultures. 4 to 6. $4/free for Museum members. Refreshments will be served. On through May 1, 2010. Rogers Mansion, 17 Meeting House Lane, Southampton. 631-283-2494.

NEW ENGLAND BARN DANCE - A traditional barn dance in Water Mill at the Water Mill Community House. Live Celtic music with a caller, all dances taught. No experience necessary. 63-725-9321.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

BENEFITS BREAKFAST - Hosted by East Hampton Neighborhood House Early Learning Program, at the Springs Firehouse, 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. All proceeds from the event will go towards purchasing a new playground for the Early Learning Program. 631-324-0715.

MAT PILATES – Mat pilates every Sunday at 12 p.m. at the Quogue Library. $7. 631-653-4224.

HIKE SAMMY'S BEACH - Meet at Sammy's Beach Road in East Hampton. 10 a.m. to 12 noon. 516-456-1337.

A COVERSATION WITH THE TWO NEW TOWN SUPERVISORS - See PICK OF THE WEEK.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

DANCING 101 - Learn basic dance movements and popular steps. 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Living Well Yoga and Fitness, 83 Elmwood Street, Montauk. 516-380-5422.

PILATES - Mat pilates at the Quogue Library. 6:30 p.m. 631-653-4224 ext 4 to register. Cost is $7. Quogue.

PICK OF THE WEEK

A COVERSATION WITH THE TWO NEW TOWN SUPERVISORS - The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons invites the community to an open "Conversation" to hear newly-elected East Hampton Town Supervisor Bill Wilkinson and Southampton Town Supervisor Anna Throne-Holst speak about their priorities and plans for their new administrations. 7 p.m., 977 Bridgehampton Turnpike. Ziggy's Restaurant. 631-537-3257.

FRIENDS OF THE BIG DUCK- Meets 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the David W. Crohan Community Center, 655 Flanders Road (Route 24), Flanders. Membership is free. 631-727-5342.

THE NAKED STAGE - "From Ship to Shape" is read on the Naked Stage at Guild Hall in East Hampton. 631-324-0806.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

OPEN MIC NIGHT – Hosted by Johnny B, from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. Sign up at 8 p.m. Quogue East Pub, 530 Montauk Hwy, East Quogue. 631-653-6677.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

JIM TURNER LIVE - Jim Turner Hosts Open Mic Night at Blue Sky Restaurant in Sag Harbor. No Cover, special guests and interesting performers. Everyone is welcome! 9 p.m. 631-725-1810.

ONGOING

THE MONTAUK PLAYHOUSE – Weekly schedule of adult badminton, men's basketball, yoga, toddler tumbling, open gym and more. 631-668-1124 for full schedule and information.

LIFE DRAWING - Uninstructed workshops 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays. $7. Instructed class 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Thursdays. Veterans Hall, 2 Pond Lane, Southampton. 631-287-4377.

FITNESS WITH FIDO - Free group walk for people and their dogs. 10 a.m., weather permitting. Dogs must be leashed. 631-325-0200 ext 118. bideawee.org. Bideawee, 118 Old Country Rd., Westhampton.

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION CLASS - Guided meditation. Chairs and cushions are provided. Free. Sundays, 8:30 a.m. Mandala Ayurvedic Healing Arts, Amagansett Square, Amagansett. 631-267-6144.

Oscars & Songs at Bay Street

There may be no such thing as a free lunch, but there certainly is an incredible array of free entertainment at the Bay Street Theatre this weekend.

On Sunday, March 7, Bay Street presents another evening of its popular Singer/Songwriter Sundays, showcasing up-and-coming talent as well as seasoned pros performing original songs. With show time from 5-7 p.m., this early event is a great family destination that may inspire youngsters to spend a little more time practicing after those piano or guitar lessons.

Following the show is a wonderful chance to share the joys of the Oscars with fellow Hamptons friends and neighbors, as Bay Street broadcasts the 82nd Annual Academy Awards on a giant screen. The Oscars present a great opportunity to ooh, oah and dish about film industry stars – always more fun in numbers. Bay Street's free broadcast of the Oscars, co-hosted by Steve Martin and our own Alec Baldwin, beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday. Bay Street Theatre, 1 Long Wharf, Sag Harbor. 631-725-9500. *–S. Galardi*

For totally complete, up-to-the-minute listings, go to
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Reuben Butchart at Wolffer

By Susan Galardi

Candlelight Fridays at Wolffer present the opportunity to hear a variety of music performances in an intimate, unusual setting. The fact that there is no music charge makes it almost unthinkable.

Under these circumstances one might assume that the performers are less than stellar. But that's not true, as the recent concert with stride pianist Judy Carmichael proved. While the some of performers at Wolffer aren't exactly household names, the talent I've heard have been solid acts.

This Friday, March 5, NYC-based singer/songwriter/pianist Reuben Butchart is slated to perform selections from his forthcoming album, *Nameless and Awake* at Wolffer's Tuscan tasting room. Butchart recently completed a residency at the Watermill Center, and charmed audiences at Guild Hall in the HopeStock concert. *Time Out New York* described his songs as "lush, string-kissed arrangements and melancholy piano lines," adding that Butchart, who has been compared to Chet Baker and Stevie Wonder, "has the vocal chops to pull off this kind of high drama." Butchart's style blends together pop and '70s R&B with contemporary avant/indie influences. His debut album *Dusk*, an eclectic blend of electronic samples, R&B flourishes, and strings, received the 2003 Outmusic award for "Outstanding Debut Recording." His second album, *Golden Boy*, was co-produced with Noah Simon. His third album, a product of his Watermill Center residency, features settings of John Carroll poems. Reuben Butchart at Wolffer. Friday, March 5, 5 p.m. 139 Sagg Road, Sagaponack. 631-537-5106.

Master Class

By Susan Galardi

Michael Disher, and acting teacher for many years and the director of acclaimed productions at the Southampton Cultural Center (SCC), is offering acting seminars in the coming month for two different age groups.

From March 10 - 31, Disher will teach an advanced monologue and scene study class for adults (19-65 years of age) on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. A select group of 16 actors will be lead through an exploration of monologue and 2-character scene selection, interpretation, characterization, presentation and delivery. The cost of the 4-session workshop is $150.00.

For college-bound theatre and acting students, age 16-20, Disher is offering a musical/straight play performance technique class on Tuesday evenings, March 9 - April 6, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. A select group of 16 student actors will be lead through fundamentals in the class, designed to improve performance, communication and verbal skills. The cost is $150.00.

Those interested in either class, both at the SCC in Southampton Village, should contact Disher at 631 965-0262, or dishermichael@hotmail.com.

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Letters

GET THE FACTS

Dear Dan,

"Levy Can't See Beyond His Upbringing (February 26, 2010)" should be renamed "Dan Rattiner Never Lets Facts Get in the Way of a Good Story."

Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy was raised in Islip Town, in Holbrook, and is no nearer to Patchogue, which is in Brookhaven Town, than is Bellport. By Dan Rattiner's tortured logic, Bellport's elected officials are probably racists because of their community's proximity to Patchogue.

The Ku Klux Klan was active in Patchogue during the 1920s, but also throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties where one out of every eight residents were KKK members. Applying Dan Rattiner's "reasoning," the elected officials who represent Hauppauge and Riverhead, where the Klan once held strong footholds, are presumably racists.

Over 70 years ago, the Nazi Party operated Camp Siegfried in Yaphank, which is no nearer to Levy's childhood home in Holbrook than in Middle Island. Does Dan Rattiner hold that the elected officials who represent Middle Island are likely racists because of their town's proximity to Yaphank?

The young man who purportedly said he was going to "get a Mexican" was once a student at Patchogue-Medford High School, not, as Dan Rattiner writes, "the high school that Levy also attended. Steve Levy was graduated from Sachem

North High School in Lake Ronkonkoma, which is miles from downtown Patchogue, and was never a pupil in any of the Patchogue-Medford Schools.

Dan Rattiner should leave reporting to responsible journalists,

Yours,

Paul R. Deventer

This was a region where racism flourished and still does, mid-Suffolk. And this is where Levy is from. -DR

THANK YOU

Dear Dan,

On behalf of the Sag Harbor Community Food Pantry, I would like to thank *Dan's Papers* for the baked goods resulting from its 50th Anniversary Bake Sale. This donation will feed so many of the more than 800 people we feed each month. With so many worth charities needing help, we are very grateful you chose to give to our pantry.

Congratulations on 50 years of excellent reporting!

Sincerely,

Barbara Wolfram, Secretary

The Sag Harbor Community Food Pantry

That's better. –DR

I LIKE YOUR STYLE

Dear Dan

I just wanted to tell you I like your writing style. Read two stories "Up in the Air" and one more, "Be Prepared." You have no idea what a pleasure it was to read your work, thank you.

Jane O'Sullivan Lenggel

Thanks. -DR

Police Blotter

Fireworks

A man in Hampton Bays was caught with illegal fireworks. The man had six powerful fireworks as well as some Roman Candle fireworks. They were discovered and reported after he was setting them off at the beach.

Cell Phone

For some people, losing a cell phone causes more trouble then others. A man who runs his entire business using his cell phone reported that it was stolen somewhere in East Hampton. What types of businesses can you run with just a cell phone? Well, male gigolo is one, but if you saw this guy, you would know for sure that his business has to do with something else.

Blonde Midget Spotted

An eyewitness reported seeing a midget with sandy brown/dark blonde hair jump out of a car in the parking lot of *Dan's Papers* and urinate in the snow. The midget got back into the car, which was still running, assisted by a much taller person, and sped away before police got to the scene. Police are conducted a full analysis of the urine, which revealed that the midget drunks an awful lot of Gatorade and apple juice.

Stealing Water

A man in East Hampton was caught stealing a bottle of water. Apparently the man was so thirsty that he simply grabbed a bottle in the store, drank it, left it on the counter and walked out. When the man was confronted by the store clerk, he apologized and said he forgot to pay for it. The man went back into the store and paid for the water, then left. No charges were filed.

Scuffle

A man on the North Fork struck another man in the face after he made fun of him for drinking a wine cooler. Apparently, on the North Fork, you either drink the real stuff, or you get the hell off the Fork.

Sag Harbor Trouble

Somebody threw eggs at a Sag Harbor man's kitchen window and caused $1,500 worth of damage to his home. Luckily, he managed to whip up a decent omelett.

Drunk

A man in Westhampton was so drunk that he was found lying down in the parking lot of a bar. When he was confronted by the bartender he awoke, ran around in a circle and then urinated.

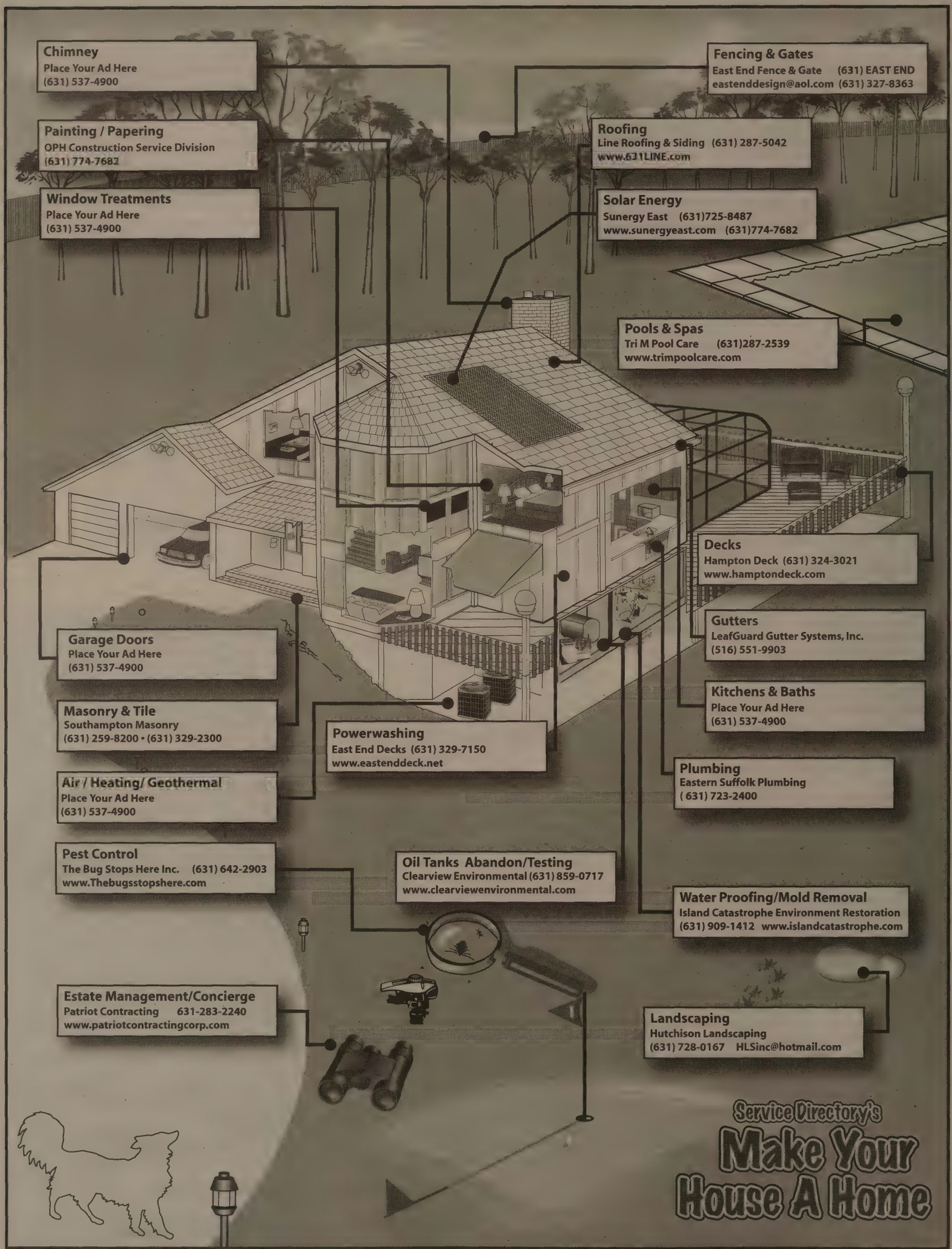
Cell Phone

A man talking on his cell phone while sitting at the Southampton movie theater is back in New York City after the owners pulled down on the ejection seat lever that launched the man 500 miles per hour into the Hudson River.

Shelter Island

Mrs. McPickle of the Shelter Island School reported that somebody stole the school's VCR that she uses to play videos during her classes. According to the report by Mrs. McPickle, the VCR was stolen and a CD player appears to be in its place.

By David Lion Rattiner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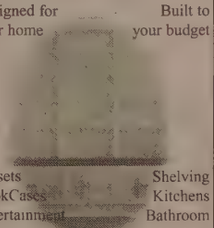

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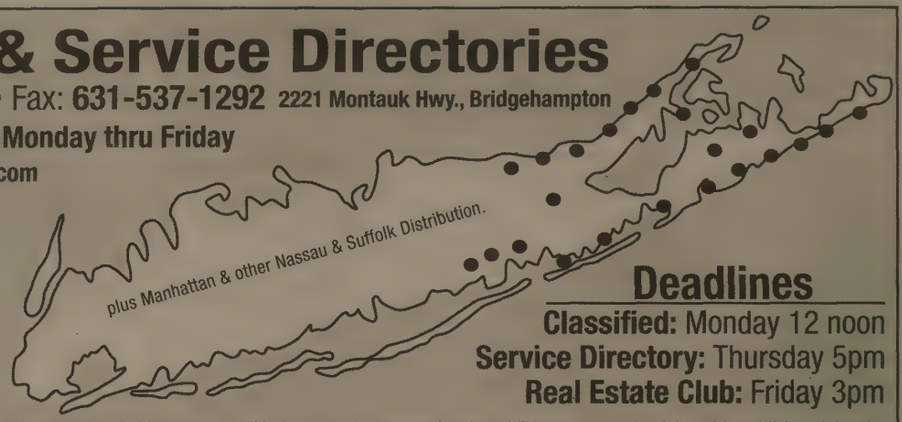

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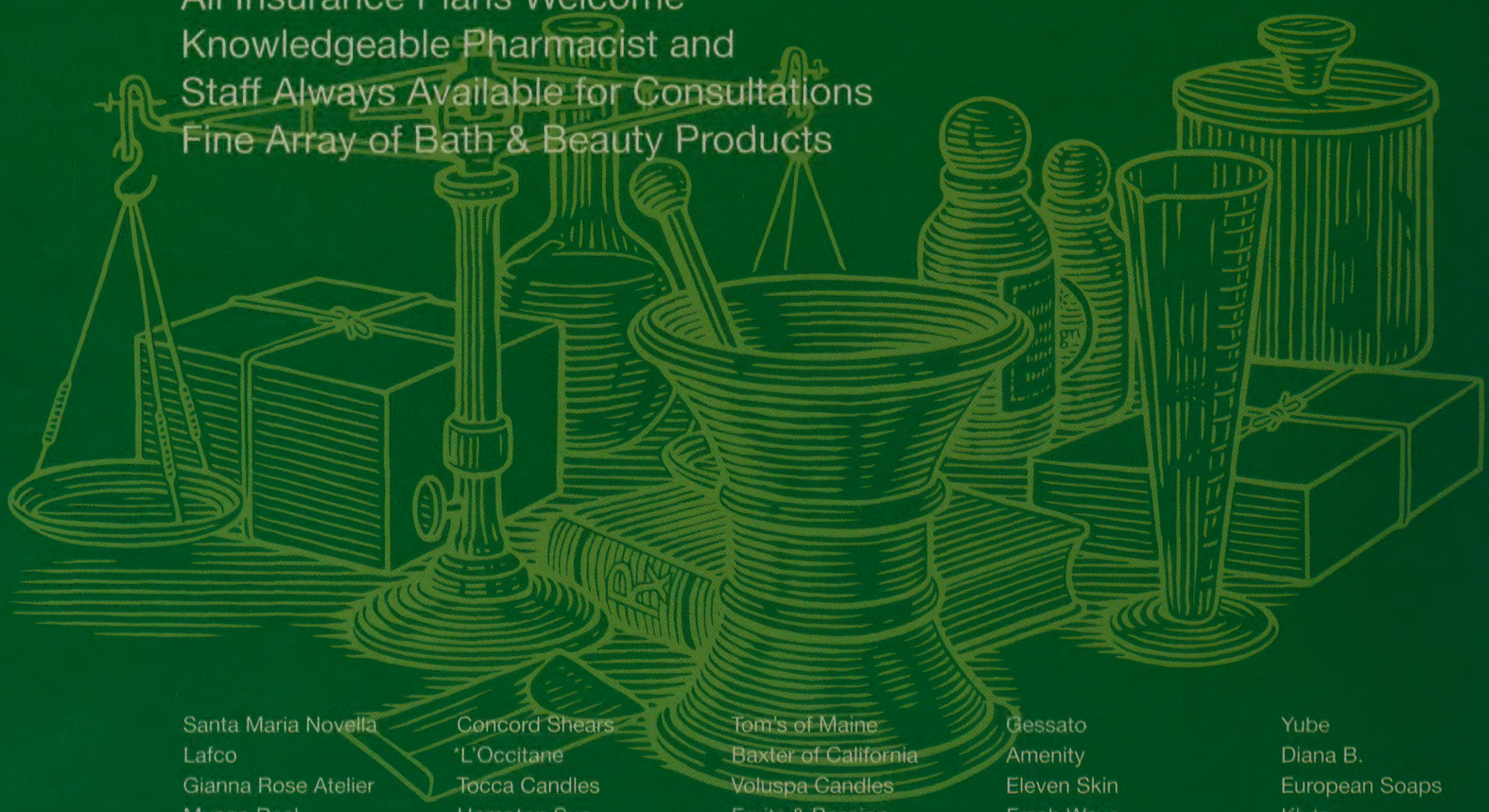

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